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Exchange of toasts is cancelled

# India snubs the Queen in protocol row

BUCKINGHAM PALACE scrambled yesterday to play down an apparent snub by the Indian Government when it forced the Queen to cancel, at short notice, a speech at a banquet in Madras.

The Palace insisted that the Queen had not been insulted and blamed a misunderstanding for a "minor mistake" in protocol. But the unprecented oan, during an aiready accident-prone state visit, plunged Anglo-Indian relations to their owest level for years.

India is already annoyed about Robin Cook's private remarks about Kashmir; the Queen has been accused of making a political speech on the subject, and local press coverage of the royal tour has been hostile. Now the Government is anxious that inflamed feelings in India could damthe Commonwealth

summit later this month: The row yesterday con-cerned remarks the Queen had expected to make in reply to toasts proposed by the at a banquet in Madras. Indian officials insisted that they had made clear during preparations for the visit that there should be only one speech - during state banquet in Delhi hosted by the President - and that it would be a breach of Indian protocol for

the Queen to speak in Madras. But the British High Com-mission in Delhi said that the Palace had been informed only this week that there would be no exchange of toasts in Madras. There appears to have been a slight misunderstanding. The main speech



The Queen in Delhi: no insult, says Palace

was always going to be at the dras, that poses abso problem for us."

Buckingham Palace also issued a statement saying: "We snubbed." The Palace added that state officials in Tamil Nadu had said in July that they would like the Queen to make a speech but the federal Government had said there was no need. "It is a matter for the Indian federal and state officials. There is no question of a snub. The welcome has been warm and friendly."

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for the second half of the

autumn term on November 3.

· Prince William, IS, is unable

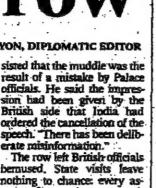
lar to Prince's Trust.

Mr Cook, who returned to A serior Indian External Affairs official, however, in-

> rate power".
> Mr Cook said: "I made no terview and no public com-ments on the issue of Indian Ministry of External Affairs has said that report was without foundation.

ends just as the royal tour The Indian press has been starts on Tuesday October 28. One highlight of the royal programme will be a Spice Girls concert in Johannesburg its coverage of the royal tour. reported assertion that the on November I in aid of the Vations Trust, a charity simi-The county Prince will then accompany his father to the village of Dukuniku, where he will watch traditional singanother fire," the front-page headline in The Asian Age ing and dancing.

It was unclear yesterday whether the Prince would visit his uncle Earl Spencer, who ple". Their failure to write any lives in Cape Town. A comments in the visitors' book spokeswoman for Lord Spenwas also noted by most Indian cer's office said it was unclear newspapers. whether he would be in South



nothing to chance every aspect of security, protocol, transport and symbolism is examined to ensure that arments — made months in advance — are satisfactory The suggestion that British officials falled to inform the Oueen's hosts of her proposed remarks until this week is privately dismissed as ridiculous There are no international

rules of protocol for state visits: they are conducted ac cording to the wishes and customs of the countries concerned. There is certainly no cinhal tradition that speeches thould be limited to state banquets in the capital: the Queen spoke on several occasions in South Africa and Germany; President Chirac and President Mandela snok

more than once in Britain. The embarrassment comes hard on the heels of Indian armoyance at earlier private remarks on Kashmir by the Foreign Secretary in Pakistan. Indian officials also claimed that the Queen was interfering in an internal matter when, during a speech in Islamabad. she urged India and Pakistan to settle their differences.

London yesterday, insisted, however, that relations between Britain and India were stronger than ever. He denied that he had ever suggested publicly that Britain was willing to mediate over Kashmir and emphasised that Inder Kumar Gujral, the Indian Prime Minister, had denied subsequent reports that he had called Britain a third-

public statement, gave no press conference, gave no in-Kashmir. As to the remark of the Indian Prime Minister, the

mostly facetious or hostile in The Duke of Edinburgh's number of people killed in the 1919 Amritsar massacre had been exaggerated drew a withering response. "Prince lights declared and its main story spoke of the royal couple's perceived arrogance during their visit to the Golden Tem-



# Star-spangled turnout for Stella's show

STYLE EDITOR, IN PARIS

STELLA MCCARTNEY revived the hippy-chic house of Chice yesterday with her debut show for the French fashion label before a front row whose

Sixties luminaries. Shielded by a wall of security guards, her parents Sir Paul and Linda McCartney, followed by Ringo Starr and his wife Barbara Bach made their way to their seats. The photographer David Bailey and his wife Catherine Dyer were already seated to their left. A few places along sat the Nineties contingent, including Meg Matthews, the high-profile wife of Noel Gallagher

of Oasis, who was joined by Kylie Minogue and the photographer Mario After such a show of celebrity force, it scarcely seemed to matter what the clothes were like. When McCartney's



Proud parents: Sir Paul and Linda McCartney said they loved the show

some commentators - including her predecessor Karl Lagerfeld - were sceptical, suggesting that Chloe's president, Mounir Mousarridge, was bank-

ing on the commercial pull of her showbusiness name - and certainly wheeling out two ex-Beatles is publicity stunt that is hard to match. But the 25-year-old designer who

The collection went down well with her parents - at one point her father could be seen making enthusiastic drumming movements to the music watched by an amused Ringo Starr, Afterwards, they made a rather regal progress backstage protected by the alarming mob of heavies. "I loved it. It was so elegant, so beautiful," Sir Paul said. "I'm so proud," his wife added. "I loved all the blues and pinks. I want to wear the entire collection."

graduated from Central St Martin's

just two years ago, had two other huge

advantages: she was young and she was from London, assets greatly prized

by the fashion industry at the moment.

And yesterday she appeared to have

pulled it off, presenting a fun. quirky

homage to Chloë's heyday in the late

Sixties and Seventies with its lingerle

mix of haute bohemia, that

tops and laced corsets.

Paris fashion, page 5

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#### Jobless total falls **South African visit** to 17-year low for Prince Harry The Government yesterday hailed an improving labour market after unemployment fell to a 17-year low and

PRINCE HARRY is to accoun- Swaziland, the two boys will pany the Prince of Wales on spend a few days on a mini-his forthcoming official visit to safari before returning to his forthcoming official visit to South Africa, St James's Palace confirmed yesterday.

The 13-year-old Prince will attend a fundraising concert

and visit a KwaZulu village to to go because his half term meet children at a local school. holiday from Eton College Prince Harry will have a schoolfriend, police protection officer and Tiggy Legge Bourke, his former namy, as travelling companions.
While Prince Charles visits

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Africa at the time of the visit.

#### Thrust breaks sound barrier - official

By DAVID WATTS

carnings growth remained steady. The 27,800 September fall THRUST'S team made no mistake last night as they made their supersonic land speed record official. Royal Air Force pilot Andy

in the those out of work and claiming benefit cut the jobless total to 1,467,600, 5.2% of the workforce and the best figures since 1980. But the smaller than expected fall in the seasonally adjusted total led to suggestions that the economy was slowing Page 25

Woodward shook baby, mother says

The mother of the baby alleg-edly shaken to death by Louise Woodward told a court in British au pair had rung her on the day her son was taken to hospital to tell her how the haby had "choked on vomit" and lost consciousness. She also described how

Miss Woodward said that she shook the boy but only after he Leading article, page 21 breathing \_\_\_\_\_ Page 3

Noble's jet-powered car reached 759.333mph — well Green made two runs across completed within the hour the Black Rock Desert in Nevada that were faster than

set earlier this month. The Tony Blair was one of the first to send a message to Richard Noble and his team, record now stands at 762mph. Two days ago the team broke the sound barrier but saying: "Congratulations on their two runs took 61 minutes to complete, cheating them out of a place in history by 60 seconds. International rules stipulate that the car must complete two runs within an hour so that it can be safely deemed that no outside force, including the wind, helped it of Britain at its best."

to reach the speed. Late last month Thrust SSC set the earlier best at 714mph after two flawless desert runs. The team woke yesterday to perfect conditions. During the first run at 9.07am local time, Page 3 | 5.07pm British time, Richard

above the speed of sound. which varies according to altitude and temperature. During the return dash car notched up 766.109mph.

going supersonic, earning yourselves a place in the record books. Breaking the sound barrier is a triumph for umph in which the nation can share and take pride in. This success is an excellent example James Morton, co-owner of

G-Force, the Sussex-based company that built Thrust, said: "We are proud to be involved in such a marvellous project which has brought so much esteem to British



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#### Elton John 'tell-all' memoir could fetch £10m offers in the past. His literary agent, David Chalfant, of the

ARTS CORRESPONDENT IN FRANKFURT

ELTON JOHN has sparked off a bidding war among publishers by deciding to reveal all in his memoirs. An advance of between £8 mil-lion and £10 million is rumoured. The musician has At least two major Braish publishers were last night competing in an auction behind the scenes at the Frank-

furt Book Fair, which opened

yesterday. Such are the book's bazzar, now into its 49th year, potential sales that millions is on cheques and were being offered for a contracts. One publisher at the manuscript that publishers have not even seen. Bidding opened at £4 million just for the world English language rights. "If it's a 'kiss and tell' book, it will be worth it," one publisher said, and we'd certainly buy it sight unseen. always turned down previous The sales potential is abso-offers to write about himself. Intely huge. People who buy only one book in a year will buy this one. It will be huge

fair noted that if the Elton John book was bought for £10 million, the strength of his name worldwide - particularly after his appearance at the funeral service of Diana, Princess of Wales - would sell ten million books. Publishers must be sure, however, that the words will be coming. There was a heetic bidding war for a Mick Jagger auto-Everywhere. biography that never mat-The only writing to be crialised. spotted at the feverish book folm has turned down all

American company IMG Literary, promised that it would be a candid account, "reflective and introspective". He said: "This is going to be one of the biographies of the decade. It's a memoir rather than an autobiography."

One friend said that some how, with the loss of his friends the Princess and Gianni Versace, Elton John wanted to contemplate his own life. He will collaborate

with Ingrid Sischy, of Interview, the American magazine.

John: has turned down all book offers in past

# Electronic roadside 'brakes' could cut deaths

THE automatic control of a car's speed moved a step closer to reality yesterday when ministers formally signalled the futuristic move as a

likely weapon in the campaign to Motor industry leaders were surprised that a government document published yesterday included automatic speed controls in a list of measures likely to be introduced to

make roads safer Until recently an electronic speed control system was the preserve of

The system would operate through roadside beacons transmitting speed limit information to in-car computers Ministers look to science for safer travel, Arthur Leathley reports

which would in turn restrict speed via an engine management system. Voluntary speed control is already becoming increasingly common in British cars and is widely installed as

a standard accessory in the US.
Officials said that the move was not a short-term option and that ministers wanted the issues sur-rounding automatic speed control to be discussed more widely. The measure is listed in the document alongside short-term solutions to road accidents, such as further curbs on drink-driving, better training and

improved car design. Baroness Hayman, the Roads Minister, has made the curbing of speed a high

A £3.5 million anti-speeding adver-tising campaign is currently under way and ministers have combined with police chiefs to issue a warning that tougher enforcement action will be taken unless motorists take steps

Pressure is increasing on local authorities and police forces to put forward effective traffic calming schemes and to provide better protection for the most vulnerable road users, such as cyclists. Motor industry sources say that the technol-

ogy is now almost available and trials could be started by the turn of the century if there were political will. But the costs of setting up roadside transmitters, together with the political dangers, are likely still to deter some and the widespread use of such a system is not likely for at least 20

Britain has already achieved a target, originally set for the year 2,000, of reducing road deaths by one However, the number of slight injuries has increased by 12 per cent, attributable mainly to the substantial increase in traffic.

Lady Hayman has plans to set a new target next year, to be met by 2010, with interim reports every three years. They would be incorporated in a coherent road safety strategy reflecting the Government's work on

an integrated transport policy.
Compared with the 1981-85 average, the number of deaths on the road has fallen by 36 per cent to 3,598 in 1996, while the number of serious casualties has dropped by 40 per cent

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### Rifkind is tipped to contest Beckenham

Sir Malcolm Rifkind was last night being tipped at Westminster as a potential applicant for the Tory candidacy in Beckenham after Piers Merchant's decision to resign his seat. The former Foreign Secretary publicly stated his desire to return to the Commons after losing his Edinburgh Pentlands seat in May.

Tory officials yesterday insisted that the selection process was a matter entirely for the Beckenham Conservative Constituency Association and refused to comment on whether William Hague would like a senior former minister as a candidate. No date has yet been fixed for the by election. Last night Sir Malcolm was understood to be considering his future political career but had not made any decision so soon after Mr Merchant's resignation.

#### Government media unit

A new unit to monitor comments about the Government on television, radio and in newspapers is to be set up before the end of the month. The media monitoring unit will allow Ministers to be briefed on news issues and to react quickly to changing events. If a trial is successful, a Government pres-entation unit is likely to be set up within the Cabinet Office. Press officers would be assigned to cover the regions to en-sure that new policy initiatives are given national publicity.

#### Lords rules to change

A Lords committee last night gave the go-ahead for plans to change the ancient ceremony by which new peers are introduced into the House. The Lords Procedure Committee decided to investigate how the 370-year-old pageantry could be streamlined to save time. The move will pave the way for the Government to introduce some new Labour life peers more quickly as part of their planned reforms to the second

#### Crash chairman resigns

The chairman of the Southall train crash inquiry resigned last night amid allegations that he faced a conflict of interest. Dr Tony Barrell announced his resignation after it emerged that his position as a non-executive director of the airport company BAA could compromise his position at the head of the inquiry. The stretch of line on which the train crashed, killing seven passengers, had recently been upgraded in preparation for the new Heathrow Express rail service.

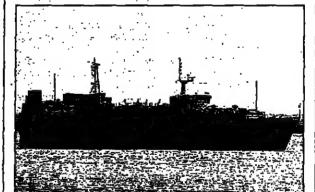
#### Billière at No 10 party

General Sir Peter de la Billière, commander of British forces during the Gulf War, and Colonel Bob Stewart, former commander of British forces in Bosnia, joined show business celebrities last night at a Downing Street reception hosted by Tony Blair. Less than a year after being banished from all SAS bases for writing a best-selling account of his exploits in the war, Sir Peter joined 150 guests in No 10's

#### BBC gives new pledges

BBC viewers are to be asked whether they like the interviewing styles of presenters including Jeremy Paxman and John Humphrys in a survey to strengthen the Corporation's public accountability. The questions will form part of the BBC's new Statement of Promises, published yesterday. They will also be able to nominate which repeat programmes they want to see. The BBC has made 66 new promises and says it kept 221 of 230 made last year.

#### Crew mutinies over pay



A Lebanese cargo ship, the 9,500-tonne O'Shea Express, anchored in Plymouth Sound last night after its crew mutinied and took control of the vessel. The ship was taken over shortly after leaving Bremerhaven bound for Beirut with a cargo of German cars. The vessel's Polish captain put out a Mayday call after the U-strong Lebanese crew took over the bridge and refused to leave until they received £60,000 in back pay they claim they were owed.

#### Prison condemned

A lightning inspection of Lincoln Prison uncovered filthy cells, a remand wing that was out of control, and gangs robbing weaker prisoners. Sir David Ramsbotham, the Chief inspector of Prisons, said: "You begin to wonder in which country, and in what century, what is described is taking place." The inspection was carried out in March a week after a new governor took over. The Prison Service said: "Many of the problems have been tackled."

# **Business** calls for clarity on EMU

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

BUSINESS leaders yesterday called on the Government to clarify its position on a single European currency after a snate of reports suggesting that Britain was poised to enter EMU shortly after the

Vauxhall, the car manufacturer, was also forced to deny confused reports that it would pull out of the UK unless Britzin signed up to EMU. The company had to deny that the chief economist of General Motors, its parent company, had said it would close its factories with the loss of almost 10,000 jobs unless the

Adair Turner, the directorgeneral of the Confederation of British Industry, said the muddle showed the Government needed to have a clearer position. Mr Turner doubted whether any existing international investors would close factories simply because the UK failed to join, but if it became obvious the UK was not planning to join in the long term this could put off future investment. "The issue is not about existing investment, it is tal new investment into existing facilities or new facilities would be somewhat higher or lower if we were out of EMU,"

John Redwood has today warned British industry that joining a single currency would cost it at least £10 billion. Writing in The Times, the

Shadow Trade and Industry Secretary claims that entering EMU now would lead to higher taxes, surging house prices and a market crash.

Mr Redwood said business should learn from the lessons of the European exchange-rate mechanism when business lost out in higher borrowing costs and fewer orders.

He argued that the government's indecision was making a mockery of the markets. "Huge sums are being invested in the belief that we will go in. Then, another day, huge sums are taken out in the belief that we will not."

But there was no "free lunch". If Britain entered EMU, interest rates would go down, but taxes would have to rise to stop a boom. "There would be far too much money in circulation, house prices would surge, markets would go giddy and then there would

The pro-EMU European Movement said statements from a number of major companies showed that thousands of jobs would be at risk if the UK stayed out. "Any government will have to think carefully about the costs of exclusion," it said.

Sir Bryan Nicholson, former CBI president, said he had heard the GM chief economist's reported view expressed by other businesses "in private".

John Redwood, page 20



Glenn Hoddle, his wife Anne and their children Zara, Jamie and Zoe in the Shredded Wheat commercial

# Company drops Hoddle family TV commercial after break-up

A TELEVISION commercial for Shred-ded Wheat featuring Glenn Hoddle, his wife and three children, was withdrawn yesterday. A spokesman for Nestlé said the advertisement was no longer appropriate in the light of the England football coach's announcement that he was separating from his wife, Anne, after 18

The commercial, which has been running for only a few weeks, features the Hoddles sitting around the breakfast table in a happy family gathering. Hoddle's key line is: "Being the England coach is a bit like being a mum." He was part and the fee is understood to be unaffected. Industry insiders said Nestle may now make another advertisement with Hoddle alone.

A spokeswoman for Cereal Partners, which makes Shredded Wheat for Nestle, said news of the couple's separation was a complete surprise. "All of our contact with Glenn and his family was immensely positive," she said. "We We thought they were

a terrific family. The split was a surprise'

viewed them, as the rest of the country did, as a terrific family. We were therefore surprised and saddened to hear separation this morning.

Hoddle, a devout Christian, was choby leading advertising agency McCann Erikson to endorse the breakfast cereal largely because of his cleancut, family man image. The couple's children, Zoe, Zara and Jamie are aged

 II and 5 respectively.
 The Hoddles' £350,000 home in Ascot. Berkshire was deserted yesterday. Neighbours said Anne Hoddle had told them she was going away for a few days to escape the fuss. They, and worshippers at the Windsor church where the Hoddles were popular members of the congregation, said they had no inlking that the relationship — considered as one of the strongest in sport — was in trouble. The family moved to Ascot five years ago and neighbours said Hoddle, despite

his fame, was a down to earth character who seemed devoted to his wife and children. Ernest Duffey, 75, the former secretary of the Christ Church United Reformed Church, said: "I would never, never have dreamt it. I saw Anne a couple of Sundays ago and she was fine." Mrs Hoddle's mother. Elaine Sterling. is one of the congregation at the church. She said yesterday: "I think everyb amazed. I can't say any more."

John Gorman, England's assistant coach and a friend of Hoddle's for 15 ears, was clearly affected by the news. He insisted, however, that the demands of steering the England team to the World Cup finals had not been to blame. "It was not the pressure. Football had nothing to do with it. And there was nobody else involved."

# Tories' broadcast marks end of link with Saatchis

By Andrew Pierce, political correspondent

THE Tories finally broke the cades after they first helped to propel Margaret Thatcher to power. One of Britain's highest paid advertising agency directors has taken their place. The severing of the 20-year relationship with the Saatchis was confirmed with the Tories opening party political broadcast last night since the election. It was the first not to bear the Saatchi hallmark in

more than 15 years. Robin Wight, the flamboy-ant bow-tied chairman of

clients include BMW, Land Rover and Orange mobile phones - has emerged as the world of advertising's key adviser to William Hague. Mr Wight, who helped to build the agency into one of Europe's big-gest, works in an unofficial and unpaid capacity.

A former Tory parliamentary candidate, he was one of only a handful of outsiders at the recent strategy session held in the Dorset home of Viscount Cranborne, the Tory leader in the House of Lords. The abandonment of M C

Saatchi was not a surprise. Relations between the newly ennobled Maurice Saatchi and the Tory leadership were seriously strained after internal disagreements over the £20 million advertising strategy for the election. Senior Tories predicted last

night that it was unlikely the Saatchi brothers would work for the party again. However, Lord Saatchi, who has worked on every election campaign since 1979, remains supportwith Lord Parkinson, the par-

# Virus discovery threatens pig transplant programme

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

TWO previously unidentified viruses have been found in pig organs, raising a new hurdle to pig-to-human transplants. The viruses form part of the pig's own genetic complement. meaning that it will be very difficult to get rid of them, and they are thought to be able to infect humans. They are related to viruses which can cause leukaemia in monkeys, cats and birds.

Tens of millions of pounds have been invested in attempts to genetically engineer pigs so that their organs can be transplanted to humans. Without

such "xenotransplants", thousands of pople on the waiting lists for kidneys or hearts are unlikely ever to get them.

The new findings are published in the journal Nature

by scientists from the Institute for Medical Research in Mill Hill. London. The team responsible concluded that, because the viruses were so common in a wide range of pigs, "the breeding of virus-free pigs, if at all feasible, will represent a complex task". Imutran, the Cambridge company pioneering pig-to-human transplants, said yes-

viruses, including the two identified at Mill Hill. Work was under way to see if the viruses could jump the species barrier into humans and, if so, what effect they might have. The Mill Hill team identified two separate classes of porcine endogenous retroviruses in laboratory-grown kidney cells, and pig tissue taken from the heart, spleen and kidneys. Retroviruses are the same family that includes

HIV, but the pig viruses

belong to a different sub-type.

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# Au pair told mother her son had choked

IN NEW YORK

PALE and barely choking back her emotion, Deborah Eappen, the mother of the nine-month-old boy allegedly shaken to death by Louise Woodward, told a tense courtroom yesterday that the British au pair had rung her on the day her son was admitted to hospital to tell her that the baby had "choked on

She said Miss Woodward described how her son Matthew had lost consciousness. was "breathing strangely" and

Mrs Eappen also described how Miss Woodward told her that she shook Matthew, but only after he had seemed to stop breathing. She said she saw Matthew later at the hospital and observed that his eyes were unseeing" after a haemorrhage of the brain.

Earlier, Mrs Eappen told the court in Cambridge, Massachusetts, that Miss Woodward habitually stayed out late at night, frequently disappeared and, on numerous occasions, she left the babies in her care unattended. Her voice shaking, Mrs Eappen said Matthew was



Deborah Eappen breaking down in court yesterday

Miss Woodward was deeply

unflattering. Mrs Eappen said: "She was often out late,

and got up late in the morning

... I was concerned about her

energy levels and patience

Mrs Eappen said Miss Woodward had always resist-

ed the idea of a curiew. She

added: "She once came back at.

2.48am. I know the time

because she was wearing very

heavy boots and made a lot of

Miss Woodward seldom

with two young children."

"healthy, smiling, babbling, fat, lazy, easy to take care of in the weeks preceding his

Wearing a high-necked, knee-length floral cotton dress, with simple single-pearl earrings, Mrs Eappen re-counted the history of the family's relationship with Miss Woodward, from the day in November 1996 when they

giving dinner and dinner on Christmas Eve last year. On New Year's Eve. Mrs Eappen said, Miss Woodward simply disappeared. "Even her mother, who was staying with us, did not know where Louise had gone."

She said that, on January 30, two months after Miss Woodward joined them, the ise for a discussion. She said: We told her that this was it. lines or she left." She accepted them, assuring the Eappens that she would reform and do

Mrs Eappen said she had left home to go to work on February 4, only to be paged to ring Miss Woodward. She said: "Louise said, "Ir's Marthew. I think Matthew has choked on his own vomit.' I said. Did you do the abdominal thrusts like we talked about? She said, 'No, he was breathing funny. He was sounding gurgly.

Mrs Eappen asked the au pair if she had dialled the emergency number 911 but she allegedly said that, instead, she had paged Mr Eappen that Matthew was crying and didn't want to take the bottle. so she changed his diaper and she put him on his bed with his caterpillar toy and she went back to the bathroom and threw the diaper away, and washed her hands thorquehly and then she went back and his eyes looked glazed over.

She said she could hear on the telephone the paramedics working on her dying son. Mrs Eappen said that at the hospital, where she was joined by her husband, a team of emergency physicians was ex-amining Matthew.

They had an ophthalmolo-

gist looking at his eyes and he said there was blood in his eyes, and I knew what that meant. I just couldn't believe it. I asked if I could have a quick look while they were arranging a CAT scan. The ophthalmologist lent me his equipment. When I looked at Matthew's eyes both pupils didn't react to the light. This is



#### Louise was great with my girl, says villager

A MOTHER who employed Louise Woodward as a babysitter before she left for America has spoken for the first time about the caring teenager who responded to her voungster's overactivity with reserves of patience.

Debbie Lalor. 3o. n. deputy hotel manager, said she was perfectly happy with the way she cared for her daughter Georgina, now 10, over a twoyear period. She described Miss Woodward. 19, as a calm. capable and easy babysiner, and has to be used in her defence.

"The way Louise is coming across in the court case is not the Louise I know," said Mrs Lalor, who has also written to Miss Woodward in jail urging her to maintain a positive mental attitude. Mrs Lalor has been a friend of the Woodward family for 20 years and lives half-a-mile away on the other side of Elton, in Cheshire. She provided refer-ences for Miss Woodward and helped her to apply for a post in the United States.

The schoolgirl, then 13, began babysitting for her when Mrs Lalor took up a part-time job as a barmaid in the Rigger public house. Georgina was then four and known to be a handful. Mrs Lalor said: "She had a good attinide towards children. very capable, and I never had any worries about leaving Georgina with her. She used to bath her, give her some supper and put her to bed while reading her a story.

When Georgina was specially boisterous she would always very patient if she was in that mood. Louise was very child-orientated and would even come round just to see Georgina after school or when she had time in the holidays. Although she was level-headed and calm she always had a sense of humour. She had everything in perspective."

Villagers conducting a prayer vigil for Miss-Woodward at the parish of St

#### spent time with the family, refusing to attend the Thanks-Thousands watch on Net

By TUNKU VARADARAJAN

AN INTERNET site dedicated to the case is attracting thousands of "visitors" a day. even drawing the cautionary attention of the judge presiding over her trial.

The site, set up in Newton

— the suburb of Cambridge,

Massachusetts, where Miss Woodward lived with the family of nine-month-old Matthew Eappen - has become such a talking point in the area that Judge Hiller B. Zobel routinely warns jurors not to consult the Internet when they return home each

"May I remind you, ladies and gentlemen of the jury," he says, "that it is prohibited to read about the case in news-



surprising sympathy

may I stress that the Internet is now a medium of commonication, and that you may

with anyone. Furthermore, set up by The News Tribune | need."

of Newton, the parish news-paper. Readers can find daily reports by Anne Scadding, the paper's court reporter, information on the case's dramatis personae, "links" to other sites offering expertise on such things as "shaken baby syndrome", and a section called "Speak Out!", comprising hundreds of opinions sent in by idends of Miss Woodward, friends of the Eappen family and other unconnect-This "cyber-vox pop" is surprisingly sympathetic to Miss Woodward. One con-tributor said: "A lot of people

seem to have jumped to conclusions about Louise

not draw information from

cannabis at break time,

Manchester Crown Court was

told. Pupils smuggled the drugs into the 143-year-old Blue Coat Church of England school in Oldham, Greater Manchester, in the limings of

their blazers or hidden in the

tops of their socks.
Todd Crombie, 18, of
Woodhouses, Oldham, one of
four facing charges including

his brother Ben. 15, was was

jailed for three years yesterday

for being concerned in the supply of LSD and cannabis. He was the only one of the

four not a pupil at the school.

The scandal led to seven

Woodward, and quite frankly we have only our press and media to blame. They often - http://www.

Three years for

youth who ran

school drugs ring

## Virgin 'was gang-raped by six boys

By A STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGE "puppermaster" rubbing their hands with glee ran a ring of schoolboy drug dealers who sold LSD and engaged young and vulnera-A 16-YEAR-OLD schoolgirl was gang-raped by six boys who laughed and cheered as engaged young and vulnera-ble minds in this sordid they attacked her in a multistorey car park, the Old Bailey Ben Crombie, of the same

was told yesterday.

The alleged victim, a virgin, had gone to the shopping centre in Wood Green, North address, admitted being con-cerned in the supply of cannabis and was made subject of a two-year supervision order. London, with a friend. "She John Höllingworth, now 16, also of Woodhouses, was sen-tenced to 18 months' youth had an hour before going to a music lesson - they were killing time." Andrew custody for supplying LSD.

David Wrigley, also 16, of
New Moston, was made subject of a supervision order for Brierley, for the prosecution, said. When they came out of a shop, they were approached two years for supplying LSD and cannabis. The judge made

an order that the boys could be He told them: "A dark shadow hangs like a cloud over Blue Coat School, a good school with an excellent reputation which you have now



by a group of boys. Both girls were forced into the car park above the shops. advances" to the friend, while the girl was taken into a lobby area in the two-hour attack in February. Light bulbs were smashed and she was threatened before the rape, Mr Brierley said.

The six, who cannot be named, deny rape. One also

#### Failings by agencies over killing of father By SIMON DE BRUXELLES

A 24-YEAR-OLD mentally ill

woman beat her father to death after her early release from a secure psychiatric unit. But an inquiry into the killing concluded yesterday that despite shortcomings in the treatment of Sarah Beynon, a 23-year-old office worker, the tragedy could probably not have been avoided. -. Beynon, of Clevedon, Som-

erset, was taken into secure accommodation after she developed paranoid schizophrenia. She had shown signs of violence and heard voices telling her to kill her father. After an apparent improve-

ment she was allowed home. on day release to her family in Portishead. In August 1995 she crept up behind her father Colin, 56, killed him with a mallet and hammer. Last May she was sent to Broadmoor.

A report commissioned by the Avon Health Authority revealed a "lack of communi-

#### pupils being expelled from the voluntary-aided school. Judge Richard Holman told Crombie: "You were the puppermaster of young pupils who did your dirty work for you. There would have been

#### tarnished by your behaviour." in the summer the school reached the top 30 in The older and more evil men above. Times list you, but they must have been at A-level. · Times list of comprehensives

#### Leonardo bike 'was 1960s doodle' been folded in half and glued

TECHNOLOGY CORRESPONDENT

A SKETCH that for years has convinced some academics that Leonardo da Vinci invented the bicycle was in fact a doodle by an Italian monk in the 1960s, it was claimed

yesterday.

The famous drawing of a two-wheeled machine with chain, pedals, seat and handlebars was discovered in 1974 by a researcher at the Catholic University in Milan It has appeared in books and museum displays with da Vinci's sketches of parachutes . and a helicopter, becoming a source of Italian pride.

At the time, it was thought unlikely to be a drawing done directly by the master, but a rough copy by a pupil of an original, since lost, sketch by da Vinci. Now Hans Erhard Lessing, retired curator of the Museum of Technology and



Labour in Manuhelm, besheet of genuine da Vinci bicycle in the 1960s when entist magazine. Italian monks were restoring

lieves that two circles on a invented the bicycle," the redrawings were sketched into a enthusiast has told New Sci-

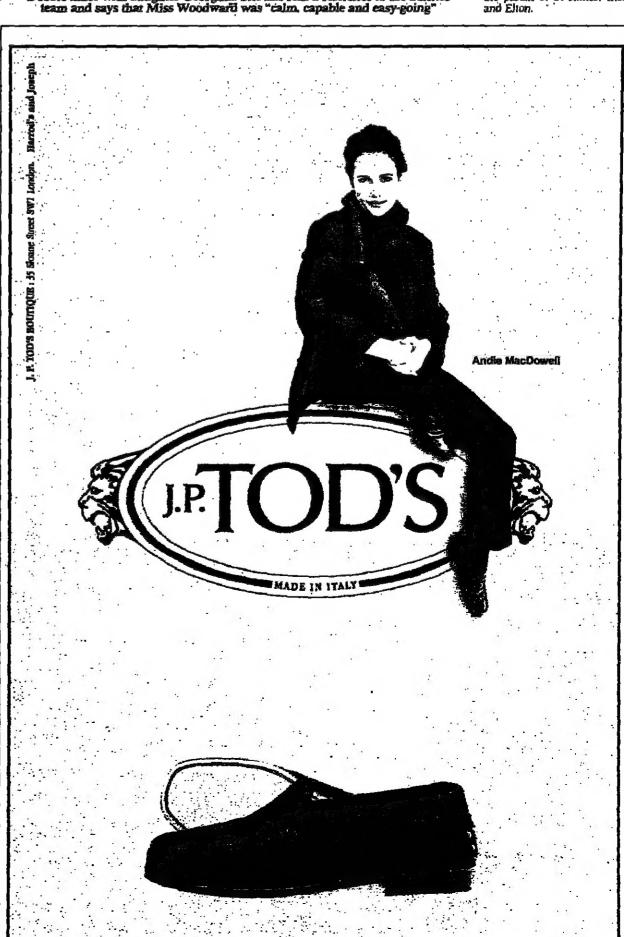
The sketch of the bicycle is

by a 16-century conservator. Mr Lessing tracked down Carlo Pedretti, an art historian at the University of California at Los Angeles, who in 1961 had examined the folded He confirmed that he had never seen a bicycle among

notbook records seeing two circles. "What I saw was not a bicycle." he told the magazine. An analysis of the brown crayon could provide conclusive proof, by helping to date the drawing. But the pages have since been scaled in plastic to preserve them.

the sketches. Instead his

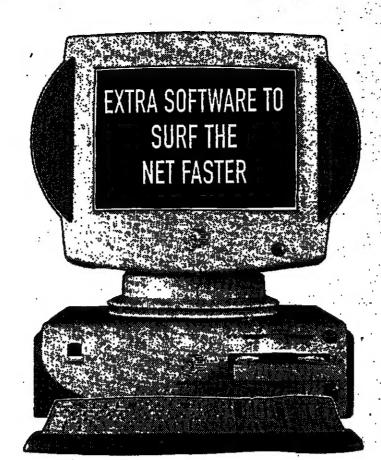
Despite the controversy, modellers at the Museum of Leonardo da Vinci in Florence have made a full-scale replica of the bicycle based on the sketch. It will be on display in an exhibition to the master's work in New York



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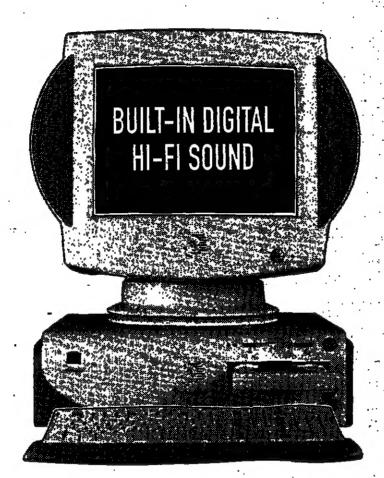
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# Schools to lose voice on parents' choice

By John O'Leary, education editor

panels if their children are rejected by the schools of their choice, it was announced yesterday as new figures showed a sharp rise in challenges

under the current system.

The number of appeals against popular schools' decisions on admissions has risen consistently as parents have tried to exercise choices championed by the Conservative government. The 62,356 appeals in 1995-96 represented a per cent rise in a year. Almost 40 per cent of last

ear's appeals were successful in securing places against schools wishes. But Stephen Byers, the School Standards Minister, told headteachers of grant-maintained schools that many parents still felt the involvement of school governors and local authority officials weighted the process

Legislation to be introduced next month will establish independent local panels from which councillors and governors of the school involved in an appeal will be barred. Mr Byers said the new system would have the confidence

and support of parents.
The 1980 Education Act gave parents the right to appeal against the school to which their children were assigned. But the biggest increases have come since the introduction of school league tables and the publication of the Parent's Charter.

The number of appeals has almost doubled since the start of the decade, and last month. the Local Government Om-budsman reported 2 50 per cent increase during 1996 in the number of parents lodging

complaints about the han-

dling of their cases.

About 70 per cent of appeals in 1995-96 submitted by parents were pursued to a committee hearing, according to the Department for Education and Employment. Almost 17,000 cases were decided in favour of the parents, com-pared with 14.800 in the previous year. Most appeals concerned admission to secondary schools, but the suc-

primary school cases.

Mr Byers said: "This further increase in the number of appeals by parents shows how ous government that they were extending parental choice really was."

Nigel de Gruchy, general secretary of the National Association of Schoolmasters and Union of Women Teachers. said that confusion over admission procedures might not improve: This Government must ensure that its promises are kept and are realistic - for example, you cannot guaran-tee to limit class sizes without some constraint on parental

Last year, the Audit Commission warned of impending "gridlock" over admissions because of conflicting admissions policies and a shortage of places in popular schools. Next month's Bill will give local authorities responsibility for co-ordinating policies in all

Stephen Dorrell, the Shadow Education Secretary, said: "The figure is higher than I feel comfortable with, but it is a challenge to the Government to see that figures fall, not to simply blame it on its prede-





# Stella McCartney puts on the style

STELLA McCARTNEY, the 25-yearold daughter of Sir Paul and Linda McCartney, claimed not to have given her parents a preview of her debut show for Chloe in Paris. "I wanted it to

be a surprise," she said yesterday.

Nor had she tried to compete with the extravagant, themed collections of her fellow Britons, John Galliano and Alexander McQueen: "There's no theme — it's just a collection that women can feel confident in, with a lot of attention to detail."

As well as her trademark lingerie tops, there were laced corsets over long skirts, wide-legged, tailored trouser suits and a bikini with red heart design sure to be snapped up by exactly the kind of monied girls about town that the Chloe label is intended to attract.

Tiny little dresses with tassles hanging from the back were reminiscent of Galliano. But though the clothes were not wildly original, they had a distinctive style and they worked.

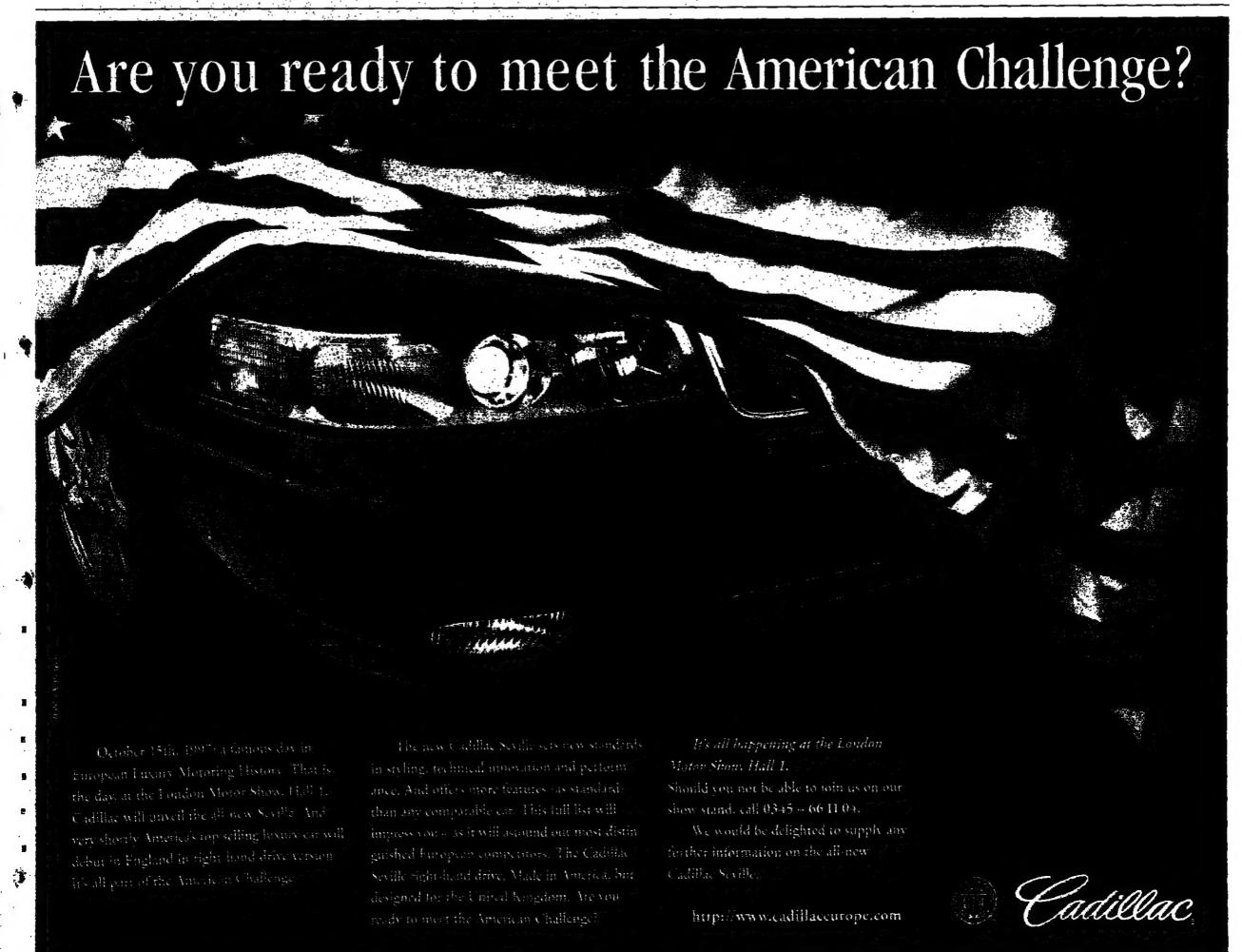
Alexander McQueen, who showed his second collection for Givenchy yesterday afternoon, shunned the tra-

ditional photo opportunity with the models, turning his back on the ranks of cameras. The models looked aghast. Even before the show, McQueen, 27, made himself scarce to enjoy 2 cigarette and a beer in the lighting gantry. Designers usually remain backstage, checking each model as she

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These eccentricities aside, the show, held in the Stade Française on the outskirts of Paris, inspired by the film Paris Texas and the style of Dolly Parton, featured some truly desirable clothes. There were leather dresses with siashed shoulders and skirts half-cowgiri, half-Pocahontus - and a stunning orange drape-necked eve-ning dress, with a flower design and a hem dropping to the floor at the back. The models, including Kate Moss, Honor Fraser and Jodie Kidd, wore stetsons. One carried a silver revolver. They emerged to the sound of cracking whips and neighing horses, the clouds projected on to screens giving way to large gold Givenchy labels. It was a

slick, surprisingly mature collection.



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Eddie Izzard in New York

# Nurse collapses on hearing her life has been spared

Victim's brother takes 'blood money'

deal of £730,000 after months of

haggling, reports Roger Maynard

DEBORAH PARRY, the British nurse accused of murdering an Australian colleague, collapsed with relief in her prison cell in Saudi Arabia esterday when told that her victim's brother had spared her from the death penalty. Parry held on to her friend

McLauchlan when lawyers told the pair that a blood money deal had been concluded after months of haggling. A legal source said: "Both

women have been in very low spirits. This news has lifted a huge burden but they still protest their innocence." Frank Gilford said yesterday that he still believed the

two nurses murdered his sister Yvonne, but was prepared to show mercy after receiving £730,000 from British companies and businessmen. He denied that it was blood money or that he would profit. saying the cash would fund a ward in his sister's memory in an Adelaide hospital. Last night the hospital authorities said they were undecided about whether to accept such a

The two British families were told the news in a telephone call from their Australian lawyers in the early hours of yesterday and said

they were "relieved and delighted". They hope to visit Both nurses are reported to be in failing health and "great-ly dispirited" according to a

legal source and are "dreading facing many more months" in the overcrowded and insanitary Damman Central Prison. However, the Saudi court is expected to deliver a swift verdict on Ms Parry, 38, from Alton, Hampshire. Defence lawyers are re-

signed to the court returning a guilty verdict as the Islamic judges relied on the women's confessions, which they say were forced out of them by sexual coercion. McLauchlan, 31, from Dundee, has already been sentenced to eight years and 500 lashes. Robin Cook, the Foreign

Secretary, welcomed Mr Gilford's waiver, but said: This is not the end of the story. It removes the threat of beheading: that will be immensely valuable news to both the nurses in jail, and also a great relief to their families. "I did say our objective would be to try to achieve an outcome in which neither nurse was beheaded, and nei-

ther nurse was flogged in public. We are half way there Senior Saudi diplomats and we will now be looking at



Frank Gilford, right, with his lawyers Vernon Cassin, left, and Osama al-Sulaim

how we can achieve both those

If found guilty Ms Parry is likely to face an eight-year sentence. Mr Gilford's clemency deal does not extend to reprieving McLauchlan from a public flogging.

Defence lawyers have appealed against that sentence and have warned the Saudi authorities that the nurse is not "physically strong en-ough" to withstand such a

the British Government that the nurses will be neither flogged nor beheaded. Their suggestion is that the women will face a reduced jail term and can expect to be pardoned

The nurses' Saudi lawyer last night criticised Mr Gilford for delaying his waiver until he increased his own stake in the blood money. Salah al Hejailan said Mr Gilford should not receive a penny until he keeps his side of the bargain, which includes

by Saudi investigators that his sister was involved in a lesbian relationship with the two

He also wants the 57-yearold courier driver to press the Saudis to release damning evidence in the case which casts guards working at the hospital complex as the main suspects. Such evidence is too late to affect the court's verdict on Ms Parry, and might not be allowed in any appeal. ☐ Additional reporting by Michael Theodoulou and

# Leader of the inn crowd dies aged 88

ALDO BERNL who gave millions their first big taste of dining out, has died aged 88. Steak dinners at Berni inns helped many Britons break free from postwar austerity.

Mr Berni and his brother,

Frank, arrived in Britain in the 1920s. They were part of a generation of young nean, including Lord Forte, who were to dominate postwar British catering and hotel ownership.
The Berni brothers drew

inspiration from steakhouses and diners in the United States, which had become nugely popular with limited menus and low prices. They began their business in Bristol, buying a pub called The Horts, and opened their first Berni Inn steakhouse in 1943.

Their ability to produce a plate of steak and chips at a reasonable price was highly prized in an era of rationing and national parsimony. The chain soon evolved with the introduction of heavy wooden chairs, red velvet, and miniature paper para-sols for the elaborate cock-

tails and puddings.
For all the clitist jokes about the Berni Inn staples of prawn cocktail, steak and chips and black forest



Aldo Berni: helped to

treats for millions as they became the restaurants of the silent majority. The chain grew to 147 hotels and Bernis sold it to Grand Met

for £14.5 million.
Though Italian by birth. Aldo Berni always regarded himself as a native of Bristol, where he lived for most of his-life. His wife, Esme, died last year, leaving more than £3.5 million to an animal sanctuary. Mr Berni, who had suffered a series of strokes, died in the Avon

Gorge nursing home. His daughter, Lina Boyd-Rochfort, said yesterday: He looked after people and was always willing to help those less fortunate than

Frank Berni, 95, is living in Jersey with his wife, Lina, and is still handy with a

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# Sex is a shot in the arm for giants of the ocean

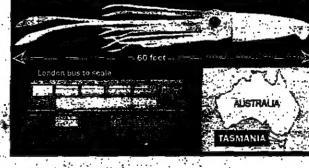
SCIENCE EDITOR

THE giant squid, which lives. 3,000ft deep in the ocean, has unusual mating habits. Two Australian zoologists have discovered that the males "inject" their sperm into the arms of the females, probably under hydraulic pressure. Giant squid may grow up to

60ft long, and many have been caught in nets or washed up on shores. None, however, wild, so the creature remains poorly understood. In Nature, Dr Mark Norman, of the Museum of

Victoria, and a colleague, Dr. C. C. Lu, of the University of Melbourne, describe two female giant squid caught in fishermen's nets off southern Australia. One of them had capsules of sperm between four and eight inches long embedded in an arm.

The sperm capsules, or



THE MYSTERIOUS GIANT SQUID

nearly a metre long. The surprise, as smaller squid use

similar mating techniques. Such abrupt mating practices may be dictated by the darkness of the deep ocean and infrequent meetings with others of its kind. Indeed, a male was recovered in the 1950s off Norway with spermatophores injected into several arms and its mantle.

'riveting' a co-suitor," the zool ogists speculate, "Alternatively, this male may have liter-

ally shot himself in the foot." Once embedded in the skin, the sperm may remain there for some time before it is used to fertilise the eggs. But how the females make use of the sperm when the time comes

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# Hole in heart baby 'did not have a chance. I failed my child'

the success of his complicated heart operations on babies minutes after one had died and another had been left seriously brain damaged, the General Medical Council was

told yesterday. The mother of the dead baby told the council's disci-plinary committee that James Wisheart told her: "It is one of the best jobs I have ever done." To the mother of the other baby he appeared "absolutely euphoric about the way things

Mr Wisheart, 59, was a senior cardiac consultant at the Bristol Royal Infirmary from 1975 until last year. He and his colleague, Jenardan Dhasmana, deny serious professional misconduct. Both are alleged to have continued carrying out operations when they knew that at least twice as many babies died in their care as in other hospitals. Dr John Roylance, former chief executive of the United Bristol Healthcare Trust, also denies serious professional misconduct for allowing the two to go

Ian Murray

hears mothers tell inquiry

surgeon was boasting after

tragic operations on operating, even though his

duty was to stop them.

Bronwen Stewart's haby son, lan, was four months old when Mr Wisheart operated a complicated hole in the heart condition. Roger Henderson, QC, for the GMC, asked her if she was deeply distressed when she found ian had been seriously brain-damaged. Mrs Stewart, 38, paused for a long moment before sobbing out her answer. I have watched my little boy for years. biting his fingers. I have changed his blood-covered

tion to her, and warned there was only a 50 per cent chance he would survive. This had shocked her, but she had been reassured by her husband who said he was probably erring on the side of caution. the operation, "he said it. brain damagel is so rare that

does, we know." She said that when they agreed that the operation could go ahead, she had no idea about the true mortality rates for this type of procedure at the Bristol hospital. Instructed by the committee not to disclose the figures she had since been told about the mortality rates, she asked angrily: These are cold fig-

ures, why can't I say them? Is

Mrs Stewart and her husband. James, 40, are chartered accountants who live on a mine in central Queensland. Australia. They decided to have their baby in England where they could be closer to medical care. Within ten days of their son's birth in May, 1993, at a hospital in Taumon, Somerset, they were told by Stephen Jordan, a surgeon from Bristol, that he had a heart defect and would need an operation. Mrs Stewart said that as they had heard good reports of the Bristol hospital, they agreed the oper-ation should take place there.

Mrs Stewart said she was told the risk of her son dying from the operation was one in live, that there was a one in 200 chance he would be braindamaged, and that this was almost always reversible.

She said that at her first meeting with Mr Wisheart he It just that it is so unpalarable?" "I understand completely carefully explained the operahow you feel." Sir Donald Irvine, president of the GMC. said. "No, you don't," Mrs Stewart said. "My understanding was that the whole truth was going to come out. But if I can't say the truth, it is At a further meeting with Mr Wisheart shortly before not going to come out."

She said she had later been

told that II out of the I5 babies it just doesn't happen, and if it to undergo the operation at Bristol had died, and only one of the survivors had been Mr Wisheart's patient. "My baby didn't have a chance," she said. I have to live with the knowledge that I failed my child dismally."

After the eight-hour operation September 30, 1993, Mr Wisheart "was absolutely cuphoric," Mrs Stewart said. He told us everything had gone exceedingly well. He was

totally jubilant about the way everything had gone. He said there had been a problem during the bypass, but he glossed over it and said things had gone really well." Two weeks later a neurologist had told them there was serious

standing that my son faced two outcomes, death or life." brain damage which had occ-6 He said he was perfectly happy about the way operation went. It was one of the best jobs he had done?

urred while the bypass surgery was going on. Mr Stewart said he would never have signed consent for the operation if he had known the true risk factor. He had discussed the possiblity of brain damage with Mr Wisheart, whom he had found

Britham, Devon, told the council that when her daughter, Hanna, was born in 1993, she was diagnosed as having a hole in the heart. She had been told there was a one in five risk that she would die in an

operation to mend it. Mr

to be a fantastic, lovely man

who was very dedicated. "I understood that if Ian did

suffer brain damage, he would

not bring him back from the

operating theatre. I left that meeting with the clear under-

Wisheart had carried out the operation in May 1994, and Hanna had died the same day. Mrs Silcox said: "He said he was perfectly happy about the way the operation had taken place. He said it was one of the best jobs he had ever done."

Earlier, Mr Henderson said that the surgeons had gone on operating despite mounting criticism and evidence from colleagues that the mortality rate at the hospital was far too

As chief executive, Dr Roylance had been in a difficult situation because Mr Wisheart was medical director of the trust and as such was the person from whom he should have sought advice. "However, as chief executive and a doctor, Dr Roylance should have acted." The hearing, in London.

#### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### MoD sued over stress disorder

A former gunner in the Royal Artillery is sueing the Ministry of Defence over a claim that he is suffering from posttraumatic stress disorder after witnessing a civilian being blown up by a terrorist bomb during a tour of Northern

Neil Davidson, 27, from Newcastle upon Tyne, claims that since the incident he has been subject to uncontrollable bouts of rage. Last year he was given a 212-year sentence for robbery which he has now served. He is accusing the Ministry of Defence of negli-gence for failing to treat him for post-traumatic stress

#### Passenger jailed

Sarah Bronks, 34, a mother of two, of Abbeywood, southeast London, who slapped an air stewardess on the face after being refused a drink on a flight from Lanzarote to Gat-wick, was failed for two months for assault by magistrates at Crawley, West Sussett.

#### Mitford sale

Asthall Manor, near Witney. Oxfortishire, the former home of Nancy Mitford, author of Love in a Cold Climate, has been sold for £3.15 million more than twice its asking price - to David Davies, of the property holding com-pany First Pacific Davies.

#### Spider woman

A woman with a fear of spiders, who bought a taran-tula to impress her boyfriend, needed surgery after the spi-der nearly blinded her by flicking tiny barbed hairs into her eyes. Sarah Burton, 24, of Exeter, had hoped to overcome her arachnophobia.

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#### Sporting first

An England football jersey from the first official international against Scotland, 125 years ago, fetched 121,275 at an auction in Glasgow. The jersey, with three lions and a knitted diamond motif, was worn by Arnold Kirke-Smith. the English centre forward.



Bronwen and James Stewart, with their daughters, arriving at the hearing where they both gave evidence

James Wisheart and his wife, Janet, outside the General Medical Council hearing in London

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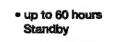
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# No win, no fee justice will be a rip-off, says Bar chairman

Frances Gibb on fears that greater access to the law will prompt lawyers to charge more

big expansion of "no win, no fee" work by lawvers is runfee" work by lawyers is run-ning into opposition from the Bar and consumer groups even before being unveiled this Saturday, Robert Owen QC, chairman

of the Bar, delivered a robust warning yesterday that the plans - aimed at increasing access to justice for people on middle incomes - will lead to the public being "ripped off" by lawyers.

Under no win, no fee agree ments, lawyers take on cases for nothing and may increase their fees by up to double if

they win.
On Saturday the Lord
Chancellor, Lord Irvine of Lairg, is expected to unveil plans for expanding no-win, or conditional, fees to all claims over money or But Mr Owen, in a letter to

Lord Irvine, is urging caution and further research before such a move is given the go-ahead. He said: "There is a very real danger of abuse. There is a conflict of interest at the very heart of these condi-tional fee agreements which could lead to the public being

The amount by which lawwas directly related to their

THE troubled seven-year

marriage of Marina Mowatt,

daughter of Princess Alexan-

dra and Sir Angus Ogilvy,

came to a sad close yesterday.

Ms Mowatt, 30, was granted a

decree nisi on the grounds of the unreasonable behaviour

of her husband, Paul, a 34-

year-old photographer. In an affidavit Ms Mowatt

told the court that she was

suffering "stress-related

symptoms" as a result of the

problems of the marriage.

which began in 1990 when she

band to have "plentiful conact" with their two children

Zenouska, 7, and Christian, 4,

Ms Mowatt said the continua-

tion of the marriage was caus-

ing them emotional suffering. Neither Ms Mowatt, who is

31st in line to the throne, nor

her husband was in court for

the 60-second hearing at Som-

April when Ms Mowatt app-

lied for a High Court order

preventing her husband from

erset House in London. The couple separated iast

was five months pregnant. While she wished her hus-

was, he said. However, ordinary people would have no way of knowing whether

The blunt truth is that people will end up paying more to lawyers, and we do not think that is a satisfactory arrangement in the public

Mr Owen's comments coincide with mounting concerns from consumer groups, the

Law Society, and from the Legal Action Group of lawyers and advice workers. All say that an expansion of no-win work should not be a substi-

tute for civil legal aid. If such aid is withdrawn as no-win fees are brought in, then many people would actu-ally be denied access to justice, and be worse off than now, Mr. Owen said yesterday. "To pursue a claim on a no-win fee basis, litigants will have to take out an insurance premium in case they lose and have to pay the other side's costs,"

The minimum of such a premium would be £100. which people now on legal aid could not afford. Worse, in high-risk claims such as medical negligence, the premiums could run to thousands of pounds.

"In a medical negligence

case I am appearing in at pay £15,000 in insurance for

## Case against tobacco firms may fall over costs ruling

BY FRANCES GIBB

BRITAIN'S first legal action against tobacco companies could collapse after a ruling allowing the companies to try to make the lung cancer victims' lawyers liable for costs of up to £20 million if they lose. The judgment strikes at the heart of the Government's plans for a big expansion of "no win, no fee"

Some 47 lung cancer victims are suing Gallaghers and Imperial Tobacco, with law-

approaching her or their home in Teddington south-

west London. The order came

after an incident when Mr

Mowatt was said to have

attacked his wife while in a

The couple's marriage

began amid reports of a rift

between Ms Mowatt and her

parents. Ms Mowatt, who is

the Prince of Wales's god-

daughter, initially declared

that she would not "waddle"

down the aisle while notice-

which the bride wore black -

Ms Mowatt posed for photo-

that showed her holding a

gun and wearing a crown

with thigh-high boots and

In the affidavit, Ms Mowatt

said that Mr Mowatt moved

out of the matrimonial home

in April last year. The couple-

were briefly reunited three

months later but Mr Mowatt

refused to attend marriage

guidance counselling and the problems remained unsolved.

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Don't they swim in the Bahamas?

CALIFORNIA

Stormy marriage

of Queen's cousin

ends in divorce

BY EMMA WILKINS

yers doing the work on a no win, no fee basis because the victims could not obtain legal aid. Mr Justice Popplewell has said he will not debar the tobacco companies from seeking to recover their costs from the lawyers. The tobacco companies argue that it is the lawyers who are funding the litigation and therefore they are an interested party who should be liable for costs.

At a private hearing last Friday, Mr Justice Popplewell rejected an application by Leigh Day & Co. in which they co companies from seeking to recover the costs of the action from the law firm, should it lose. His order will be challenged in the Court of

If the Court of Appeal upholds Mr Justice Popplewell's decision Leigh Day & Co would be forced to drop the case. Other law firms would also be far less keen to undertake no win, no fee work, and insurance premiums would be unobtainable for this high-risk litigation.

in which litigants put a slice of their winnings back into the

The lawyers get paid an appropriate level of fee without any uplift." Mr Owen said. The whole basis of our scheme is that legal aid in its current form need not contin-ue. Instead the scheme be-comes self-financing."

The key difference between

what we and the Government propose is: do we want to pay laweyrs more, or help each other to litigate?"

Lord Irvine has appeared to confirm that that civil legal aid will not be retained unaltered where "no win" work is

that the Government would not tolerate "a state of affairs" in which the legal profession picked up the very strong cases which were highly likely to be won, together with a mark-up in fee and then left legal aid unchanged, so that the State got a high proportion of the losers and the profession got the lion's share of the

£100,000 worth of cover for

Instead of no-win work, the Bar is urging the Government to consider its own proposals for a Contingency Legal Aid Fund, a self-financing scheme

He told MPs this week that

Begley pleaded guilty to conspiring to murder a person or persons unknown. The judge told him that people who engaged in such consp acies must accept they would be dealt with severely.

Man gets

death plot

A Belfast man accused of murdering the INLA chief Gino Gallagher has been

jailed for it years for plotting another killing. Jailing Charles Kevin Begley. 26. at Belfast Crown Court, Mr

Justice Kerr said it was accepted he had nothing to do with the murder of Gallagher.

who was shot at his local DSS

office in January last year.

11 years for •

#### Drunken killer

Gary Ross, 28, who pushed a teenager on to a railway line then went for a meal, was jailed for five years for man-slaughter by Inner London Crown Court. He was cleared of murdering Paul Simms, who had been celebrating his 18th birthday.

#### Fellow inmate

The family of Mona Henderson, 95, a stroke victim, have-lodged a complaint that she was put in a bed opposite a handcuffed male prisoner in ward at Dryburn Hospital, Co Durham. The hospital has to serve three prisons.

#### Trust plan fails

Plans to build more than 200 houses on a hillside owned by the National Trust have been turned down. Conwy councillors rejected the scheme for Parciau Farm at Old Colwyn in Clwyd after receiving a 700name petition of opposition from local people.

#### Off the scent

Police are testing a spray for 🖣 officers to aim at aggressive dogs. The Derbyshire force says that the mixture of natural oils is intended to confuse the animals but not injure them. Big dogs are often used by criminals to help them to resist arrest.

#### CORRECTION

Mohamed Al Fayed did not say (report, October 13) that the last words of Diana. Princess of Wales were imparted to him by a nurse. In fact he has never identified the individual concerned.



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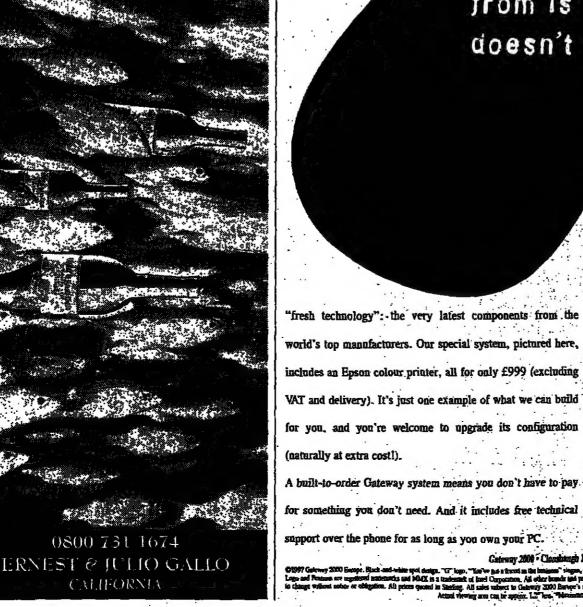
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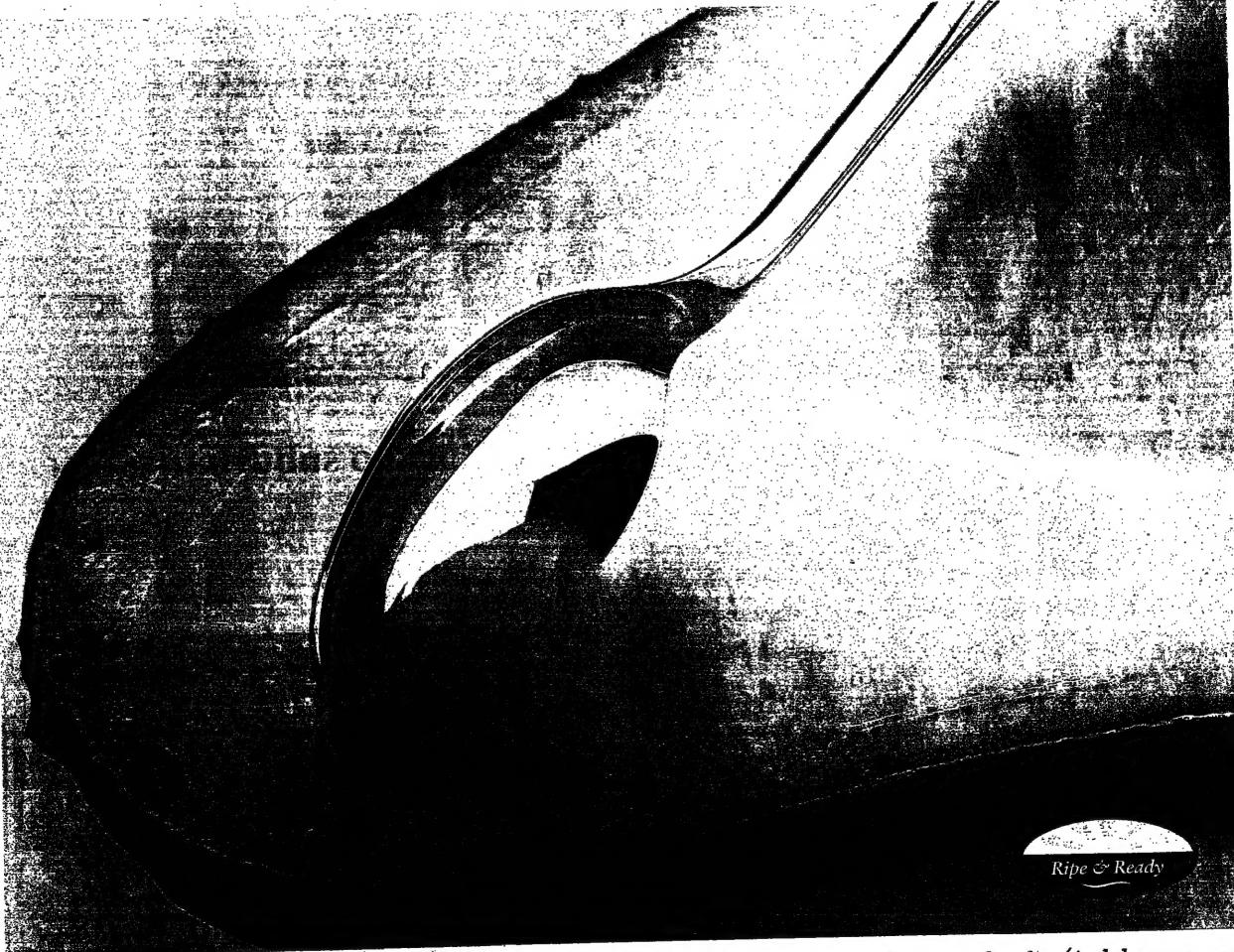
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of last month's devolution referendum has evaporated in a debate over which of three Edinburgh sites should be chosen for the parliament

building. Politicians, civil servants. architects and developers are divided. The Government's promise of a prompt decision after the September 11 referendum has already been broken. With the estimated £40 million cost rising with each offthe-record ministerial briefing. Donald Dewar, the Scot-

tish Secretary, is under pressure to make up his mind. The timetable is tight. The parliament sits in early 200. As each day passes, concern mounts that

chosen, the building might not be ready in time. In July Mr Dewar announced that the former Royal

High School at Calton Hill. near Princes Street, was no longer suitable as a parliament "for the new millennium". The building was renovated for the purpose in the 1970s amid false expectations that home rule was imminent. Since the summer the pos-

sible locations have been cut from 29 to three. Tomorrow Mr Dewar will hold talks with rival developers about the two most high-profile sites. Scot-rish Office sources say his decision will then be made. possibly within days, and an architectural competition launched.

The three choices could not be more different. Two are in the city centre, next to shops, restaurants and good public transport. Supporters claim would reflect Edinburgh's "historic status as a capital". The third is a wasteland site 15 minutes out of town in Leith docklands, near Edinburgh's red-light district.

Of the two city locations, Calton Hill has the broadest support, with all political parties, har Labour, backing it. Edinburgh Development & Lord Provost of Edinburgh.

High School, would have to be

The most unlikely contender is Morrison Street car park near Haymarket Station. Until this week it had no formal backers, but on Wednesday two developers, Kantel and MacDonald Orr, submitted last-minute plans for a new building inspired by the glass fronted Carre d'Art in Nimes. southern France. The developers candidly admit that Calton Hill is still their first choice, and their proposal is intended to stem the growing support for a new building at Leith and ensure the parlia-

Leith Waterfront however, is the MAGNUS rumoured favourite of civil ser-LINKLATER vants and the Page 20 Scottish Secretary proximity to the

new Scottish Office headquarters at Victoria Quay. Forth Ports, its backer, claims that, alongside other waterfront developments, the parliament could become an attraction to "rival Sydney Harbour".

Although the docklands have enjoyed a recent revival, with warehouse flat conversions and new bars and cafés. Leith is scorned by critics as the middle of nowhere.

Architects have criticised the Scottish Office's opaque decision-making, arguing that it does not reflect the openness promised by the new parlia-ment. City site supporters have accused civil servants of nudging the Scottish Secretary towards backing Leith for their convenience, a suspicion which prompted Donald Gorrie, Liberal Democrat MP for Edinburgh West, to de-clare that civil servants could "get stuffed".

Other city leaders claim that Leith is "about as accessible as a drainpipe". In reply Forth Ports says that its sup-portive councillors, including until recently Eric Milligan.







burgh City Council.
CONS: World Heritage Site, so limitations in how much buildings could be altered although regulators Historic Scotland understood to ap-prove. Renovations generally viewed more expensive than new build, at about £40 million. Scant possibility of grand-scale newly designed building or expansion.

#### SITE 2

The Haymarket, Morrison Street earpark, Edinburgh PROS: owned by council City-centre location with good rail and air transport links. Near Westend's burgeoning fi-

nancial area and Edinburgh International Conference Centre. Would provide a blank space for a newly designed building, costing about E26 million.

CONS: immediate surrounding not particularly prestigious, overlooking rundown enements and corner shops. Technical difficulties because there is a rail line beneath, which could make development more expensive. Only about 3.7 acres available, restricting future expansion.

#### SITE 3

Leith Waterfront, northside of Edinburgh

PROS: ten-acre wasteland by docks opposite new Scottish Office headquarters. Land has outline planning permission. which would speed up development. Up-and-coming area, with plans for Ocean Liner Terminal and hotels. Pockets of good restaurants and bars. Freedom to design new parliament and make waterfront attraction for

about £30 million. CONS: out-of-town location with dire transport links. Seedy reputation, with many rundown tenements and is the backdrop to much of Trainspotting. Irvine Welsh's novel about heroin addicts.

supply of feeding and nesting habitats in the countryside (Michael Hornsby, coun-

Six species visited gardens in record

numbers last winter, and for the second vear running suburban gardens attracted

a greater variety of birds than rural ones.

David Glue, a research officer with the

tryside correspondent, writes).

THE Bishop of Edinburgh, head of the Anglican Church in Scotland, hasannounced plans to leave the Church and stand for the Scottish parliament. The Most Rev Richard Holloway, 63, a Labour Party member, said yesterday that he had been thinking about entering politics for some

"It's not a question of me giving up the Church to do this — I was planning to retire in 2000 anyway," he said. "Really it's probably a bit of a pipe dream. The Labour Party might think I'm too antique, but I'd enjoy doing it because I've still got bags of energy.
"We want this parliament

to be different and I am expecting that a number of non-politicos will throw their hats in the ring. I would think the murky world of the Church is possibly quite a good train-ing for the murky world of

Bishop Holloway said his had not been prompted by any serious questioning of his faith, although he did not believe people "should leave their minds outside when they enter church or political parties. The Church and politics could make a difference to society in "different ways" and both could "work for the good of humanity". If



Bishop Holloway: said plans were not definite

Birds flock to suburban gardens

GARDENS are "bursting with birds" and helping to compensate for the dwindling previous year have we seen peak levels for The dozen most-seen birds, in descend-

previous year have we seen peak levels for

so many garden birds, and up until two

years ago gardens in rural areas always scored higher than those in suburbia."

The six species that set new records

were: wood pigeons (seen in 54 per cent of

gardens), sparrowhawks (50 per cent),

jackdaws (48 per cent), great spotted

woodpeckers (43 per cent), long-tailed tits

the Labour Party accepted him as a possible candidate when the lists open next year, he would be happy to leave the Church, but he added that no formal approaches had been made "It is a gleam in my eye, rather than a definite plan at the

The bishop became Primus of the Scottish Episco-pal Church, sister body to the Church of England, in 1992 and could have held the post until the age of 70. His early retirement would coincide with the first year of the new parliament in 2000. although elections are to be held in 1999. If he was accepted as a prospective MSP, he will give the Church six months notice.

A former CND member, he is no stranger to controversy, and his outspoken views on everything from adultery and homosexuality to extramarital sex have frequently grabbed head-lines. He once called the Bible sexist, saying its moral code was "time-conditioned, male-centred and patriarchal" and could not dictate how people live at the end of

the second millennium. Two years ago, he asked people to be more tolerant of adultery, saying God had given man "promiscuous genes". In his latest book, Dancing on the Edge, he says people who live togeth-er should be treated as married, and calls for alternative wedding vows to recognise such relationships. He urged people to vote Labour.

Yesterday the Labour Par-welcomed the bishop's interest, but said it had not yet established the mechanisms for drawing up the candidate list. The Rev Willam Ward, of the Episcopal Church in Arbroath, who is a leading critic of Bishop Holloway, said: This is exactly what I would expect him to do. It

ing order, are: blackbirds and blue tits,

robins, chaffinches, greenfinches, great tits and dunnocks, starlings, house spar-

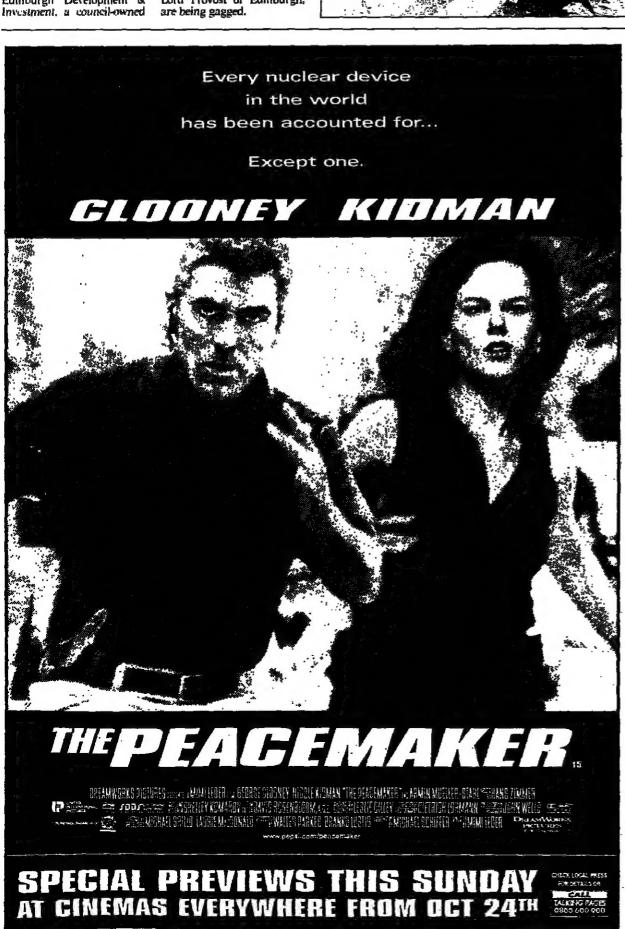
rows, collared doves, coal tits and

magpies. The last-named have displaced

song thrushes, which have been in

worrying and not fully explained decline

for some years.



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# Courts will get power to lock up young offenders AGISTRATES courts are to put Bail bandits' Were also considering introducing "ines" for courts, la vers, "prebation and poi services for delaying cases, and that the fines in an but

Straw, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday.

The powers are aimed at child offenders who exploit the criminal justice system by continuing to commit crime while waiting to appear in court because they know it is difficult to put them in custody. At the moment social services decide whether to keep suspects aged between 12 and 14 in secure accommo-

Legislation later this year in the planned Crime and Disorder Bill will pass this power to youth courts. Extra spaces will be found by halting plans to move 15 and 16-year-olds out of young offender institutions run by the Prison Service. Persistent young offenders will be defined as any young person who has been dealt with by the courts three times and who commits another crime within three years of the

last appearance. Speaking at the launch of new guidance for the criminal justice system and the publication of a consultation paper, Mr Straw said it was crucial to deal with teenage criminals in the age range between 12 and 14. He said: "The system appears to be very soft in the short term but very nasty to

these kids in the long run." Mr Straw said persistent young criminals under 15 mew that, if they limited their

are to be held

before trial, writes

Stewart Tendler

they could continue to operate with impunity. He said it was important to deal with the

offenders quickly and effectively if the authorities were to have any chance of keeping them from a life of crime. He cited the case of a 13-year-old boy in Nottingham this week who had committed almost 200 crimes. He was arrested 58 times but was too young to be put into custody.

Unveiling a series of plans to improve the youth court stem and accelerate ways of dealing with the hard core of persistent offenders. Mr Straw said that courts could be listed in national league tables to show how efficient they

He said league tables would show which youth courts were slow in trying juvenile offend-ers and which could cut bureaucracy and unnecessary legal delays. On average courts were taking 412 months to deal with young offenders and in one area cases were taking up to eight months. Mr Straw said cases could often be dealt with in little more than two months. Ministers

services for delaying cases. He said that the fines might involve penalties on budgets, but the real aim would be to shame the offending courts or

He said it was time "to end this very sloppy approach.

Defendants in cases were rouremanded for three when courts had been told that they must set back cases for no more than two weeks. They waited for reports ready well-known to them. Backing the plans Paul Cavadino chief officer of the

National Association for the Care and Resentement of Offenders, said: "Faster justice need not mean harsher justice. The sooner sentencing takes place the quicker constructive programmes of supervision



Jean Coussins, of the Portman Group, said teenagers preferred alcopops

# Teenagers double alcohol intake in past seven years

YOUNG tecnagers are drink-ing twice as much alcohol as they did in 1990, according to figures published yesterday. Tessa Jowell, the Whatster for Public Health, told a conference on tacking since age drinking that the socialis was

warrying.
Overall, the average miniber of units drunk in a week by 11 to 15-year-olds in England has risen from 0.8 units for 1990 to 1.8 units last year and in Scotland to 1.9 units the equivalent of nearly a pint of beer each week. A hard core of 5 per cent of boys and 3 per cent of girls of the same age are downing more than 15 units, or seven pints of beer, a week.

The survey, carried out by Department of Health officials, also shows that more and more young people are drinking alcohol on a weekly basis. The number of English drunk alcohol in the week before the survey had gone up from 21 to 27 per cent.

ing the 12 to 15 age group. show an increase from 14 to 23 per cent.
The survey into under-age drinking, to be published in full later this month, stresses that the overwhelming majority of teenagers had drunk little or nothing in the previ-

Figures for Scotland, cover-

ous seven days. Many were drinking only in moderation.

Ms Jowell told the conference in London: "These figures ... further emphasise the need to make tackling alcohol misuse one of the Government's priorities

Another report laid before the conference, organised by the drinks industry's watchdog, the Portman Group, showed that one in five teenagers named alcopops as their favourite alcoholic their favourite alcoholic drink. However, evidence suggested that those choosing the drinks were more likely to be moderate drinkers rather than among the minority of teenagers drink-ing heavily. (PA News)



#### DJ Clarke goes from tax to sax

BY DAMIAN WHITWORTH

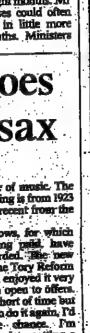
all sorts of new adventures. Last week in Blackpool the the Imperial Hotel for a bed and breaking. This week he is

Mr Clarke make his debut at his local BBC station, Radio

playing records from his own collection, interspersed with Jazz is the only music I take

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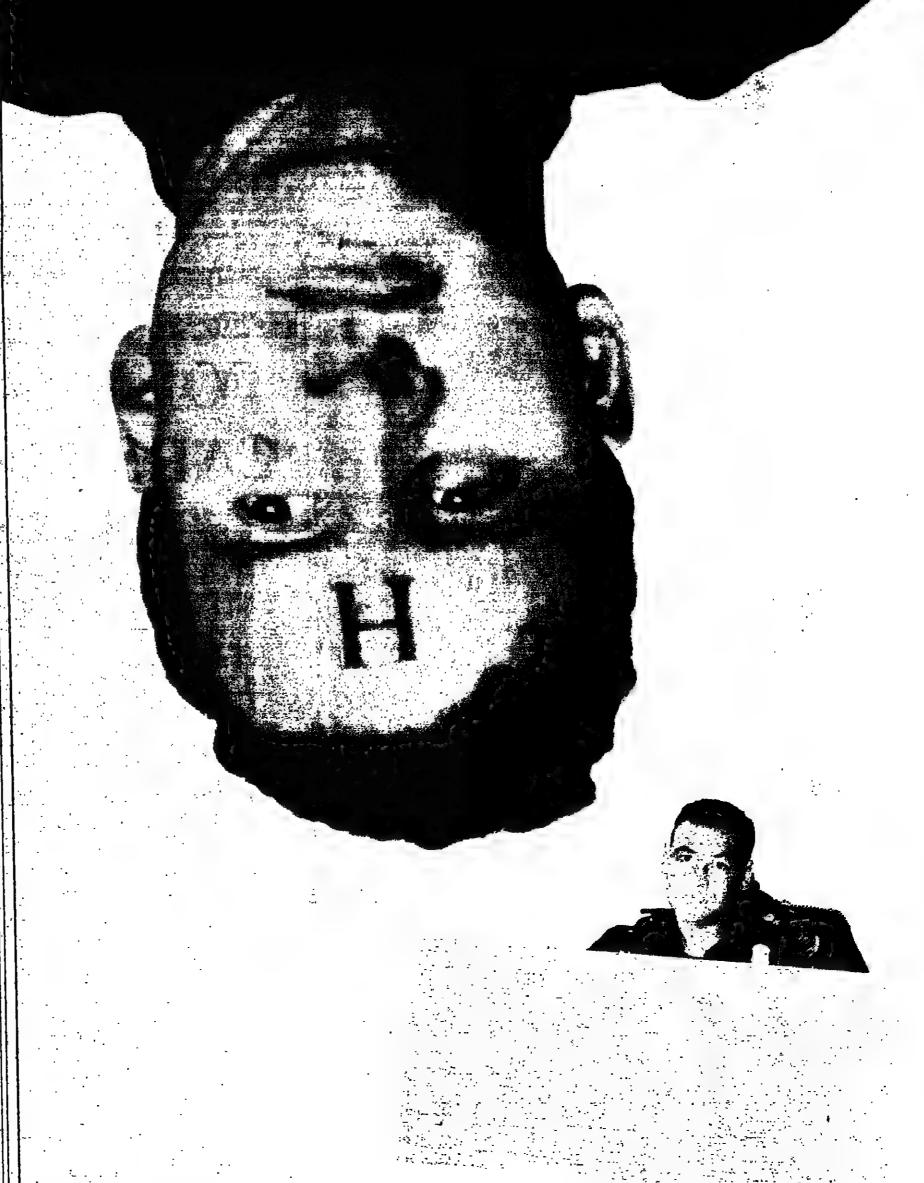
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# Smith supports computer vision for libraries



CHRIS SMITH, the Culture Secretary, yesterday gave the Government's support to a plan to transform Brit-ain's public libraries by linking them into a nationwide computer network. Speaking at the launch of a report by the Library and Information Commission. Mr Smith said that it was "a defining moment" for the library "The vision is an integrated grid linking libraries, schools and vernment, made possible by technological change. The Prime Minister has taken a personal interest and has asked me to report to him on the

prospects. We will seek to make a response early in the New Year."
Raising the necessary £770 million was beyond any single body, he said. Partnerships would be needed between local and national government and industry, with lottery money also a possibility: "We have to put together a package. I don't have £770 million in my back nocket, but the Government my back pocket, but the Government has committed £100 million to the National Grid for Learning, which is an earnest of good faith."

The report, New Library: The People's Network, says the service's future depends on taking advantage of Matthew Evans, chairman of the

commission and of Faber and Faber. said: "The library is the perfect place for citizens to be given a window on the nation's resources. Whether you live in cities or deep rural areas, the library will bring you the world's literature, information and ideas.

The report argues that a UK-wide information network made available through libraries on the basis of a high-specification central core could do more to encourage the spread of information, knowledge, and communication technology skills among the population than any other measure the Government could introduce." People cared about their libraries, Mr Evans said, but there was less

evidence that politicians did. The library service had not been given the support and funding it needed to sustain itself. But now there was an opportunity to seize the moment. The Library Association's chief executive Ross Shimmon said that "the public library service is in danger" unless the proposals were adopted. The report suggests that libraries

should offer access to a wide range of information sources via the Internet, plus educational and commercial networks, video-conference facilities and digital archives, all in addition to the printed word. Mr Smith said: "New technology will complement but not replace the traditional role."

# **Publishers** accused of rating hype above talent

Overrated few get all the attention,

top literary agent tells Dalya Alberge

A LEADING literary agent yesterday accused publishers of hyping minor books by a small circle of overrated authors to compete with similar ones by their rivals, while ignoring the literary talents of those who can really write. Speaking to The Times at

the Frankfurt Book Fair. Giles Gordon of Curtis Brown whose authors include Fay Weldon, Vikram Seth and Sue Townsend -- spoke of "the cult of Martin Amis, the cult of Julian Barnes, the cult of Jeanette Winterson, the cult of ian McEwen.

Those four all dominate the literary world. They have been the gangsters of literature in the last 20 years." They were closely followed by younger writers, "nearly all of the same age, with the same kind of taste, suits and hairstyles.

"I don't blame the writers. I blame the publishers who have hyped them. It's all a mafia." Publishers, he said, are unadventurous, only wanting to publish what everyone else was releasing. He was speaking out after being frustrated by publishers' reaction to a book which he describes as one of the most read in 20 years.

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Not all the publications at the book fair are aimed at topping the bestseller lists, and books with limited appeal can still win prizes. Entries for the oddest title competition in The Bookseller include: How to Identify Bird-Droppings on your Windscreen: Ethnodentistry and Dental Folklore: Thanato-

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O'Gaora, 31, an Irish writer with a narrative set in a village in Ireland, he said. It tells the story of a woman and her father who live off the land. with a smallholding growing potatoes, and who suffer a terrible harvest. Little happened, Mr Gordon said, but the author's loving descriptions of the countryside were as expansive and evocative as 19th-century classics and his characters had touches of Che-

khov and Virgil. "There's no plot. What's wrong with that?" he said: People read novels to enhance their own lives, to meet people in the fictional sense. In Colm's book, there is a love of characters in exactly the same way as with great writers such as Balzac and Dickens."

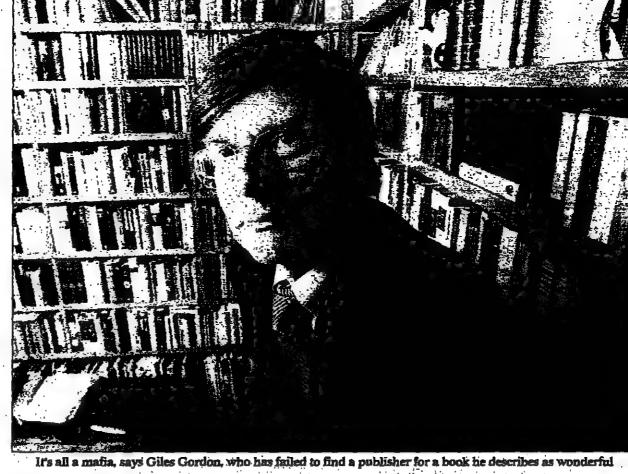
But, over the past few months, several publishers had turned it down, damning it as too quiet and rural. "It is a wonderful piece of writing," Mr Gordon said, "like a symphony or concerto that - a beautifully crafted work of art. You can't stop reading it."

A new novel has to shout to be noticed in an industry where around 100,000 books Competition is fierce. The name of the game was quantity of titles not quality, Mr

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Gordon said. To be published these days, you have to be female, attractive and 23." The root of the problem, Mr. Gordon said, was that pub-

lishers did not know what they wanted. Although they would not admit it, he said, fewer and fewer of them were editing, relying on agents to do it for them. He said that publishers had admitted to him: "If you're paying all that money for a book, why spend more editing it?" He added: "That's the culture, or lack of culture, today."

Jason Cowley, page 19 Books, pages 40, 41

#### Stout walking shoes advised

THE Frankfurt Book Fair opened yesterday with a record number of exhibitors. A total of 9,544 companies from 106 countries are spread across a series of balls spanming the equivalent of 27 football fields.

Numbers are swelled by those hawking books and, more usually, ideas for books. The editor of Kitty Kelley's controversial book on the Royal Family was approaching British publishers, asking

them if they were "brave

More than 900 British publishers are at the fair. The Americans are strongly reprented, as are the French,

Italians and east Europeans. Germany has 2,500 Germany has It is no wonder that pub lishers, literary agents, rights people and booksellers sigh a ot at the very mention of Frankfurt. Absolutely massive", they say, advising sensi-ble walking shoes and

lamenting a city whose stand-still traffic makes London seem like a car-free zone. But no one questions whether it is worth it. This is

where deals are done and names are made on the international circuit, with every one hoping to discover the next Le Carré or Grisham. It is virtually impossible to calculate the number of books

being offered. However, those on Diana, Princess of Wales appear to outnumber all

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# , Romania plans to open files of security police

THE Romanian Government is contemplating a dramatic move to mark the eighth anniversary of the death of Nicolae Ceausescu, the dictator — opening the files of the dreaded secret police, the

Since one in three Romanians is believed to bave collaborated with the Securitate during the Communist ra, the effect on the country is likely to be devastating. The issue is splitting all the main coalition partners and there is apprehension throughout the litical class in the capital,

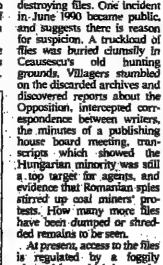
Even so, sources close to Victor Ciorbea, the Prime Minister, says he plans to give public access to the files within the next two months and allow Romanians, like the east Germans, to unravel the web of denunciation and spying that

was spun round them. The point is to make a clear break with the post-Commuregime of President Hiescu, defeated a year ago, who gained power in 1990 with the help of Securitate agents and who tolerated murky espionage techniques. including widespread phone tapping.

The compromising of the Swiss Ambassador last year — he was having an affair with a Romanian journalist and alleged secret agent - demonstrated that, although the Securitate was officially abolished in 1990, its successor, the SRI, uses familiar methods against familiar targets.

About 60 per cent of the new secret service are former Securitate agents, and one of the most powerful men in the country for the past eight years has been the spy chief, Virgil Magureanu. He was a member of the small group that organised the execution of Nicolae and Elena Ceausescu on Christmas Day 1989.

Naturally there is resistance from former Securitate agents to declassifying the files.



private businesses; one be-

Communist Party or rightwing nationalist parties. They

dency is in the hands of the

democrat, Emil Constan-tinescu, and the Government

of Mr Ciorbea is a mixture of

Christian and social demo-

crats, peasants, liberals and representatives of the Hun-

demonstrate, ahead of Nato

and European Union entry

negotiations, that Romania

has gained a new democratic

But the critical question is whether the SRI has been

all have something to lose.

is regulated by a foggily phrased law which leaves the final decision to the head of the The most radical reform

proposals come from Ticu Dumitrescu, a senator, who wants a system akin to the Gauck authority in Berlin which ensures public access and at the same time wants leading politicians and civil servants to answer in court for any crimes exposed by the

A more limited scheme is likely to be introduced - and access will probably be con-



Dr John Walker at his laboratory in Cambridge yesterday after the Nobel jury announced that he was joint winner of the chemistry prize

#### Cell chemistry wins Briton Nobel prize

SCIENCE EDITOR

A BRITISH scientist, Dr John Walker of the Medical Research Council's Molecular Biology Laboratory in Cambridge, was yesterday award-ed the Nobel Prize for Chemistry for his studies of energy generation in cells.

He shares the prize with two others: Dr Paul Boyer of the University of California at Los Angeles, and Dr Jens Skou of Aarhus University, Denmark, both of whom have worked on the same problem. Dr Skou wins half the \$1 million (£600,000) prize, and Drs Walker and Boyer a quarter

The physics prize was also split between three scientists Steven Chu of Stanford University in California, Wiliam D. Phillips of the US National Institute of Standards and Technology in Maryland and Claude Cohen-Tannoudji of the College de



Paul Boyer, left, from America and Jens Skou, a Dane, who also worked on cell energy generation

worked on the use of lasers to cool and trap atoms. Dr Walker won his share of

the prize for studies of the enzymes involved in the production of adenosine triphosthis "transmembrane pump" phate (ATP), which acts as a using X-ray crystallography.

Superieure of Paris. They all mitochondria inside cells. The energy is generated by pumping protons across the membrane that surrounds the mitochondrion, and Dr Walker has spent 15 years studying

Northampton slaughterhouse and pulverised at his Cambridge laboratory so the con-stituents of the heart muscle can be separated out. The enzymes are crystallised and studied using an X-ray beam at Daresbury Laboratory in Cheshire.

The results have helped to confirm a model proposed by Dr Boyer for the formation of ATP from adenosine diphosphase and inorganic phosphare, the Nobel jury said. Dr Skou won his share of the prize for discovering an enzyme which maintains the balance of sodium and potassium ions in the cell.

Dr Walker, a senior scientist at the Cambridge laboratory from which several earlier Nobel prize-winners have come, was born in Halifax in 1941. He was educated at Raistrick Grammar School in West Yorkshire, and St Catherine's College, Oxford, where he was awarded his PhD in

Cambridge since 1974, and was elected a fellow of the Royal Society two years ago.

The physics prize, worth \$1 million and shared equally by the three winners, marks success in the precise manipulation of atoms. Normally atoms and molecules in gases cannot be studied because they move too

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swiftly, at up to 2,500mph. Normal cooling does not help, because then the gas condenses and ultimately solidifies. And even at temperatures a few degrees above absolute zero, the atoms are still moving at about 250mph.

The three winners have

developed methods of using laser light to cool gases to temperatures of a few milthe atoms trapped so that they can be studied. The new methods have contributed greatly to increasing our knowledge of the interplay between radiation and mat-

# Plea by Yeltsin heads off Duma confrontation

FROM RICHARD BEESTON

PRESIDENT YELTSIN intervened last night to head off a bruising confrontation with parliament: he offered an olive branch to opposition leaders, who promptly postponed their vote of no confidence in the

between government officials and members of the Duma. the lower house of parliament, deputies voted to put off the motion until next Wednesday. The move came after Mr twice telephoned Gennadi Seleznov, the Com-

munist Speaker of the Duma.

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After a day of frantic be who relayed a conciliatory message from the Kremlin. saying that the President wanted co-operation rather

than confrontation with the opposition-led chamber. "I appeal to the members of the State Duma not to push for

the resignation of the Government today," said Mr Yeltsin's message. I do not want con-

"For the sake of calm in Russia, I appeal to the 145

[Communist] deputies who initiated the no-confidence motion to remove this issue from today's agenda. I guar-antee that the Government will draw conclusions from

#### Papon: 'I risked life to aid Jews'

Bordeaux Maurice Papon on trial for deporting Jews to Nazi death camps during the Second World War, said yesterday that he did his utmost to save as many Jews as possible

Addressing the Bordeaux assize court. M Papon. 87. said: "I did my utmost to save the maximum [number of] members of the Jewish community, perhaps at the risk of my life."

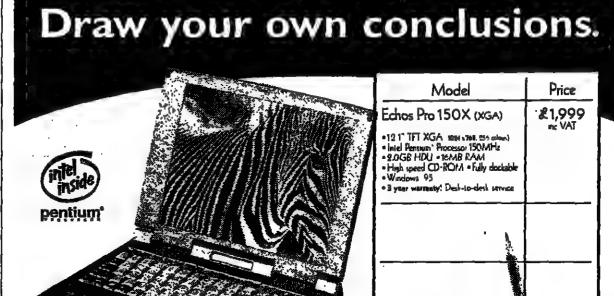
M Papon is accused of

crimes against humanity for deporting more than 1,500 Jews to death camps when he was secretary-general at the Bordeaux prefecture during the war. "I risked deportation. arrest and perhaps my life when I scrubbed the names of 139 Jews from a list," he said. Speaking of the "catastrophic and unhappy lot of the Jewish community". M Papon said his "heart was torn by the

Nazi repression of the Jews". Earlier, the court rejected a defence request to drop the case. In its decision, the court noted that it had taken 16 years to prepare the "complex" case against M Papon and that both parties were equal in the eyes of the law.

The defence had argued that media coverage was biased and had jeopardised M Papon's chances for a fair and just trial.

M Papon is the highestranking official of France's collaborationist Vichy regime to stand trial for crimes against humanity. He is charged with ordering the deportation of 1,690 Jews. including 223 children. (AFP.



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# Rome frescoes damaged as quakes spread

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

PANIC caused by the earthquakes that have shaken Umbria over the past three weeks reached Rome yesterday when it emerged that the latest powerful tremor had damaged the Baroque church of Sant' Andrea delle Fratte in the heart of the capital.

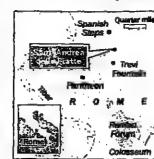
There were further aftershocks yesterday, and the continuing tremors dominat-ed all news bulletins, overshadowing the resolution of the political crisis facing the centre-left Government of Pro-

fessor Romano Prodi. Since the first double quake on September 26, which killed Il people and brought down frescoes by Cimabue and Giotto in the Basilica of St Francis at Assisi, there have been a series of tremors registering between four and five on the Richter scale.

In many cases structures undermined, but still stand-

ing, after the first earthquakes shocks during the night registering between three and four. The earthquake caused no sands have been made homeless in the poor villages and towns of the Umbrian hills, and now face freezing temperatures and winter rains in tents or prefabricated shelters.

The latest earthquake, on Tuesday evening, registered 4.9 with its epicentre at Sellano, 20 miles from Assisi. It was followed by lesser



further damage at Assisi. where engineers had just used a giant crane to place a metal cage over the crumbling tympanum on the basilica, preventing it from crashing through the roof and destroying medieval frescoes by Cimabue and Lorenzetti.

But the tremor brought down the clock tower on the medieval town hall at Foligno. a few miles way. Maurizio Salari, the Mayor, said with tears in his eyes that the "symbol of the town" had fallen. Engineers spent yesterday salvaging the tower's two bells from the rubble. The sight of the falling tower — captured live on Italian television and shown repeatedly since — has Italians wondering whether the quakes will be followed by the Big One". At Sant' An-



Pasquale Marini's 18th-century Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes fresco, cracked in the latest Italian quake

drea delle Fratte in Rome, Father Andrea Lia, the priest in charge, said that cracks had opened up both in the cupola and in an 18th-century fresco by Pasquale Marini, The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes. Another priest, who raised the

alarm, said that he had been reading in an upper floor of the adjoining friary when "the room began to shake and my chair moved across the room". The church, near the Spanish Steps, is a Baroque master-

century, in what was then countryside on Rome's outskirts, it became the church of the Scots in Rome until the Reformation. It was rebuilt in the early 17th century by Giovani Guerra with a dome and

sides the Marini frescoes it has two superb angels carved by Bernini, which were intended to decorate the bridge across the Tiber to the Castel Sant' Angelo, but were considered too line to be exposed to the Chapel of the Miraculous Madonna, commemorating the 1842 appearance of the Virgin Mary to a Jewish banker who became a Chris-

tian missionary. A number of palazzos and blocks of flats in Rome also

gero, the offices of which are close to the damaged church, said that it was becoming "difficult to remain calm". Santiago: An earthquake measuring 6.8 on the Richter scale rocked much of Chile and parts of neighbouring Argentina. It set off landslides and killed a family of five and three others when the walls of their homes collapsed. About 100 people were injured.

Several aftershocks hit the affected area, about 140 miles north of Santiago, for several hours yesterday. (AP)



The damaged vault at Sant' Andrea delle Fratte

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# drum up support

FROM ROGER BOYES

GUNTER GRASS, Germany's pre-eminent novelist, has pledged to campaign for a Social Democratic-Green coalition in an attempt to topple Helmut Kohl.

His aim is to mobilise likeminded German intellectuals before next year's elections and make them into an active, articulate lobby for change in the same way that writers and artists came out in support of Tony Blair in Britain.

Herr Grass, in interviews to mark his 70th birthday, made clear that his favourite to replace the Chancellor is Oskar Lafontaine, the Social Democrat chairman. He added that with the other Social Democratic contender, Gerhard Schröder, the Lower Saxony premier, "I would

in 1961 the writer spoke at 52 railies; in the 1969 campaign, enthused by Willy Brandt, he addressed about 200 for the Social Democrats. Politically Herr Grass — best known abroad for his novel The Tin Drum — has become cautious since unification. His support then for an East-West German confederation, earned brickbats from Herr Kohl's supporters and embarrassed the Social

#### Author to | Prodi calls Blair to anti-Kohl make Cup peace

BY RICHARD OWEN

ITALIAN officials yesterday moved to defuse the row over the policing of last Saturday's World Cup qualifying match. saying a "very friendly" telephone call between Tony Bair and Romano Prodi, the Italian Prime Minister had ian Prime Minister, had "closed the episode".

But Francesco Rutelli, the Mayor of Rome, fuelled the controversy by saying that allegations of police brutality were "absolutely false". Giorgio Napolitano, the Interior Minister, insisted that the police intervened "with great professionalism and sense of duty" to uphold public order.

A spokesman for Signor Prodi said the Prime Minister had invited Mr Blair to come to Italy to see a football match as part of the lence-mending. The two leaders had agreed that neither the booliganism nor the police reaction "must be allowed in any way to damage the good relations between our two countries".

Luciano Nizzola, head of the Italian Football Association, said he was "astonished" Britain was still defending its hooligans.

Mario Pescante, head of the Italian Olympic Committee, said: "It was only thanks to our police that a tragedy like the one at the Heysel Sta

# Colombo bomb injures Britons

Tourists fall victim to huge blast that bears hallmarks of Tamil Tiger guerrillas, Christopher Thomas writes

THE centre of Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, was shattered by a huge bomb blast yesterday, killing at least !! people and injuring more than 150, including seven Britons. About 30 foreign tourists injured in the blast came mostly from Britain, Japan and France. The Colombo General Hospital said their injuries were mostly minor, and all but one of the Britons

were discharged yesterday. Terrance de Silva, the hospital director, said their injuries were causeed by flying glass splinters. Others kept in hospital were four French citizens and one each from America. Jordan and India.

The Tamil Tigers - who have been taking a severe beating in the jungles of northern Sri Lanka - denied responsibility, but the attack bears their hallmarks. The Tigers, waging a war for a homeland in the north, are opposed to radical peace plans by the Government

The bombers shot dead four security guards at the five-star Galadari Hotel and lorced their way into the car park with a kerry bomb. They took refuge in Lake House, head-quarters of Sri Lanka's staterun newspapers, and intense gunfire echoed around the city for hours. After a six-hour battle, army commandos threw grenades into the build-ing and stormed it. The workers filed out, unharmed, as the sound of explosions and gunfire continued. Four suspected

Tiger rebels died. A commando was also killed. The bomb left a crater 20ft deep, destroyed many cars' and smashed windows over a wide area. The car park was filled with rubble and twisted metal. The nearby World Trade Centre twin towers,

it was a holiday. The Gala-dari, like several other expen-sive hotels in the immediate area, is a playground of Sri Lanka's small, wealthy elite. Mrs Kumaratunga has often criticised the lifestyles of the rich while young soldiers, most of them from poor families, die in their thousands lighting the Tigers. officially opened by President Her Government had on Bandaranaike Kumaratunga October 2 unveiled a radical power-sharing plan aimed at ending the strife that has claimed more than 50,000

lives in the past 25 years. The Government had propused devolving powers to the regions; the north and east of the island, where most Tamils live, would run most of their own affairs with guarantees of non-interference from Colombo. The plan has not received endorsement from the main Opposition, and the Government remains short of the two thirds parliamentary majority to amend the Constitution. President Kumaratunga

three days earlier, had many

A colonial building opposite

the Guladari, once the parlia-

ment and now the presidential

secretariat, had its windows

smashed, too. The centre of

Colombo was still being re-

built after a huge explosion in January last year, and yester-day's bomb will further shake

the fragile economy. Tourism;

a vital source of income. is

the streets were quiet because

The bomb went off at 7am;

bound to be affected.

of the windows smashed.

condemned the bombing but said she would press ahead with plans to find a political solution to end the ethnic war. We will not be disturbed from



An injured tourist at the General Hospital. The bomb went off at a five-star hotel

#### Kidnapper told to pay \$21m damages

- WORLD IN BRIEF

Baraboo, Wisconsin: Joseph Clark. 19. convicted of abducting Thadius Phillips. 13. breaking his legs and locking him in a cupboard for days, was ordered to pay \$21 million (£13). million) in damages to his victum. Although Clark is penniless and serving a 40-year sentence, he may make money from the case. Judge Virginia Wolfe said: "Given the sensational nature of this case, it is entirely possible that the defendant could reap some financial gain, through media coverage in the future." Clark is also to stand trial over the death of Christian Steiner, 14, whose legs were broken. (AP)

#### Swiss freeze Bhutto assets

Geneva: Switzerland blocked £8.5 million in bank accounts of Benazir Bhutto, the former Pakistan Prime Minister, Asif Ali Zardari, her husband, and Nusrat, her mother, and an official said other assets might be frozen. The Swiss Federal Police Office said it was acting on a request by Pakistan, Miss Bhutto was sacked as Prime Minister last November on disputed charges of corruption and misrule. Her husband is

#### Police killings 'a mistake'



Archbishop Desmond Tutu listening yesterday to Adriaan Vlok, the former Law and Order Minister, at a Truth and Reconciliation Commission hearing in Johannesbury as he denied that the apartheid Government authorised killings and torture to repress the black liberation movement. Mr Vlok said illegal activities were police misinterpreting policy. "No member of the police had licence to act illegally. We used terminology capable of misunderstanding." (AP)

#### Briton jailed in terror trial

Hackstep, Egypt: Akram Sharief, a British citizen, was one of 53 people jailed by a military court here for planning assassinations, bombings and other subversive acts. Three other Muslim militants were sentenced to death. Sharief, sentenced to ten years, had been charged with collecting funds abroad for the militants. (AP)

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#### Turkish prisoner tortured

Strasbourg: For the first time, Turkey has admitted to the European Court of Human Rights the use of torture, saying its police had tortured a suspected thief. The Turkish Government informed the court in Strasbourg that it had agreed to pay the 49-year-old victim nearly £10,000. The court accepted the settlement and dropped the case. (AFP)

#### Forest fires pose gas risk

London: The forest fires raging in Indonesia, which have also set alight peat bogs, could release as much as one billion tonnes of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere over the next six months (Nick Nuttall writes). This is more than Europe's entire annual carbon emissions from cars and power.

## Body of shot Cambodian general shows he was tortured

FROM CAROLINE GLUCK IN DAMNAK SMAGIL CAMBODIA

Rescue workers carry a victim from the bomb site

CAMBODIA'S Under-Secretary of State for Defence was tortured

Major-General Kruoch Youero's body was identified yesterday after being exhumed by human rights and his legs fied together Two

capital. Phnom Penh. A second grave was thought to contain the remains of General Chao Sambath. Both men were loyal to Prince Norodom Ranariddh, the First Prime Minister ousted in the coup.

They were among up to 40 royalist officials killed in custody after the coup. General Kruoch Youem was found with both his hands out off

iddh's military intelligence unit. The two men are the most senior military officials to have been found dead after the coup in which Hun Sen, then Cambodia's Second Prime Minister, seized power.

General Kruoch Yopem's distraught widow, Heng Sopheny, who identified the body, said: "I want the killer to be brought to justice. If my

justice and send him to jail! Instead senior member of Prince Ranarthey bring him here to kill him in the jungle. This is not justice."

Local witnesses said the two officers and 27 soldiers were captured in July by men from a paratroop commando regiment. The soldiers were taken to a local school and interrogated; the two generals were taken to a nearby field. Seven shots were reportedly fired.

detained the general's widow along with human rights workers and

The Hun Sen Government has said it accepts a report by the United Nations human rights centre in Cambodia that more than 40 royalist officials were killed in custody after the coup. Yet six weeks after the Government promised a full investi-

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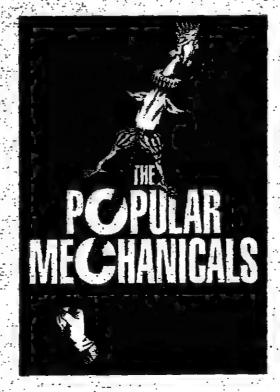
The British premiere of The Popular Mechanicals, the acclaimed Australian production directed by Oscar winning. actor Geoffrey Rush, runs at the Arts Theatre, London WC2, from November 5 to January 24, 1998.

Lousely set around the six artisans of Shakespeare's A Midsummer Night's Dream, the comic action follows the characters from chaotic rehearsal to the nerve-wracking opening night at the royal palace, as they attempt to perform the play Shakespeare would have completed for them if he'd had the time. The result is a performance of wit, imagination and mad joyous foolery.

The all-British cast includes co-writer and original cast member Keith Robinson, Lisa Kelly, Dean Lennox Kelly, Cal McCrystal, Devon Scott and Simon Waher.

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#### Summit to build on trade rise

By Michael Binyon

COMMONWEALTH trade now constitutes 20 per cent of global trade and is growing, Chief Emeka Anyaoku, the Commonwealth Secretary-General. said yesterday. Investment in Com-

monwealth countries is rising.
In a report to be presented to the 54
Commonwealth heads of government at their Edinburgh summit on October 24. Chief Anyaoku said the growing trade links were making countries reassess the value of Commonwealth membership and look at ways of building on these links.

But he said special measures were still needed to help the poorest countries adjust to the new global environment. The Commonwealth will hold a business forum in London for two days before the summit, at which Chief Anyaoku said measures to boost Commonwealth trade, investment and co-operation would be identified.

the summit would look also at how the Harare principles on good government and democracy could be strengthened and enforced. A ministerial task force will report on the three countries with military Governments - The Gambia, Nigeria and Sierra Leone. The heads are likely to continue suspension of the last two.

# London Jew sues Swiss over death of parents

FROM PETER CAPELLA

A BRITISH man has lodged an unprecedented claim for damages from the Swiss Government to compensate for the death of his parents, Jewish refugees fleeing Nazi persecu-tion who were turned back from Switzerland in 1942 and later died in Auschwitz 🕝

Charles Sonabend, 67, a London businessman, is demanding SwFr100,000 (£44,000) from the Swiss authorities under the "Law of Responsibility", which allows individuals to make liability claims against public officials.

It is the first time anyone has taken legal action in Switzerland because of the country's wartime policy. In 1942 the Swiss authorities closed the door on Jewish refugees, leaving many of the 30,000 people it turned back to lace Nazi death camps.

The lawsuit could prompt more individual claims from relatives of Holocaust victims, adding a new dimension to the pressure on Switzerland to



Mr Sonabend, claiming liability by Swiss officials

Nazi Germany. The Swiss cabinet, the Federal Council, which rules directly on cases of political responsibility, is expected to deliver a verdict on Mr Sonabend's case before the end of the year.

Marc Richter, a Zurichbased lawyer acting for Mr Sonabend, said he would use his right of appeal to the Supreme Court if the claim

gal hurdles still had to be cleared.

Mr Richter said formal apologies for Switzerland's in 1995 and earlier this year, had opened the way for legal action. "Until now, anyone would have said there was no way you could win such a case here," Mr Richter said.

month to make goodwill payments to elderly Holocaust

million (E118 million) special fund but they are not related to specific cases or necessarily. linked to Switzerland. The compensation sought by Mir Sonabend. Switzerland for each of his parents, is the maximum allowed under a fixed scale for personal injury His family's fate is well

documented, mainly by Swiss historians. Mr Sonabend, his sister and parents were arrested in a small town near the border on August 14, 1942 after they had fled from Belgium, and were later expelled to Nazi-occupied France.
Simon Sonabend, the

father, sold Swiss watches in Brussels before the war and made frequent trips to Switzerland. The Swiss Watchmakers Federation supported his family's asylum claim and offered financial guarantees but to little effect.

The day before they arrived northern Switzerland, Heinrich Rothmund, the federal police chief, ordered border guards to turn back new



Charles Sonahend with his parents and sister Sabine, who survived

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#### Fears of Arab backlash over killer's release

FIRM CHRISTOPHER WALLER IN JERUSALEM

ARAB-ISRAELI tension rose resterday after a surprise announcement that Israel was to free a Jewish American gunman who in 1982 killed one Palestinian worshipper and wounded 30 others near al-Aqsa mosque in Jerusalem, the third holiest islamic

- Alan Goodman, 53, went on a rampage on Easter Sunday 15 years ago, opening fire indiscriminately at Muslims at prayer. He claimed he was trying to return the Temple site is also holy.

His attack ignited weeks of Palestinian unrest in which four Arabs were killed, Last night, Arab sources expressed fears that similar anger could erupt over the decision to cut-eight years off his 24-year sentence after the killer agreed to leave Israel and live in the United States for the remaining years of his term. He was originally sentenced to life plus 20 years for murder and attempted murder. This was

later cut to 24 years. Palestinian officials ques-tioned the wisdom of the decision in the light of Goodman's subsequent refusal to show any remorse. In Muslim eyes he has been demonised

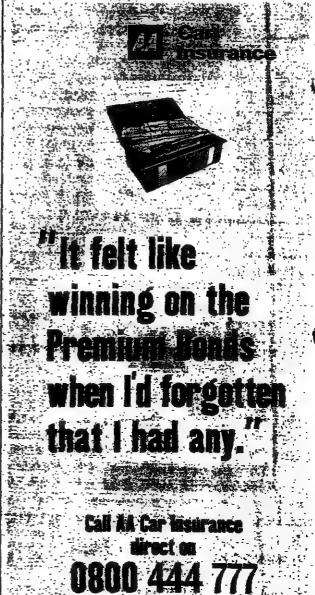
just as Baruch Goldstein, the US-born Jewish settler who killed 29 Palestinians praying at the disputed Cave of Machpela in Hebron in 1994.

In the same year Goodman told Maariv newspaper that he was not sorry for the shootings. He said: "I do not regret it. Why should I be sorry, I didn't kill Jews, right?" Goodman, like Goldstein who was killed by some of his intended victims - became a

hero among extremist Jews. The Prison Authority said yesterday: "He came up for parole after serving two-thirds of his sentence. The board offered to release him if he agreed to sepnd the next eight years outside of Israel ... This is not a deportation, it is an

In Palestinian circles, his dease was seen as a bid by the right-wing Government of Binyamin Netanyahu to mollify the Jewish right-wing infuriated by the release of 70 Palestinian prisoners and Sheikh Ahmed Yassin, the founder of the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas. They were freed as the price for getting back two Mossad who were arrested in Jordan after a hungled assas-

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It costs less than you think

# Seats empty as Major lectures on 'success'

band, John Major has attempted the feat of launching himself as both a global statesman and a relebrity motivator on the lucrative American public-speaking circuit. His debut was not a crowd-puller on either count, In his first high-profile foreign speech since losing office,

the MP for Huntington addressed an emptying 14.000seat sports arena in Denver and confessed he was "not sure what my predecessors would have made of it".

He spoke of Pitt the Younger's fondness for port as an antidote to stress, and declared: "I know exactly how he felt," He held forth on Chinese economic growth and on the unwrapping of the Russian enigma. He even heaped praise on the Rolling Stones' latest concert tour.

But the speech will remembered longer for time and place than for its content. Five months after leading the Conservatives to the worst British election de-



The MP for Huntingdon proves a crowd-disperser on the US public speaking circuit, Giles Whittell finds in Denver

comeback at an enormous self-realisation seminar entitled "Success '97".

The venue was the home of the deeply unsuccessful Denteam that lost 61 of its 82 games last year. Seats ranged in price from \$49 (£30) to \$225. but by the time the former Prime Minister spoke, sandwiched between an "anti-diet" guru and a bewhiskered marketing entrepreneur who vowed I'm here to make you money", neary two thirds of those seals were empty.

Parts of the 25-minute talk were meant for a different audience anyway. For his landslide defeat in May, Mr Major offered a near explanation. "It was emphatically not 'the economy stupid'," he said. borrowing a phrase from the 1992 US presidential election.

Sharing a stage in Denver to speak on the theme of "success" - John Major,

Barbara Bush, former First Lady, and Christopher Reeve, the paralysed actor

"Britain's was the bestperforming, most competitive economy in Europe." He called close British ties

to Europe a mere "geographi-cal necessity" next to the "relationship of the heart" between Britain and America.

Mr Major then returned obediently to the subject of success. Achieving it depended on hard work, courage, good fortune "and quite possi-bly seminars like this", he said. He bravely reminded the organiser that he had, in fact. known more failure than success in 1997, though he need

not have bothered.

Denver's McNicholis Arena was an irony-free zone. "To be Primë Minister is a tremendous accomplishment." said Peter Lowe, who pays former world leaders from \$30,000 to \$60,000 to appear at his day-

All three spoke to full houses. By Mr Major's turn the audience were making for their cars to avoid being stuck in traffic, one of Mr Lowe's publicists explained. Mr Major appeared untroubled. "Do I look crushed?" he

long motivational marathons.

"Failure only deepens his

Others attending agreed. It's not the things that hap-pen to you, it's how you deal

with them that makes you

successful." said Angi Run-

yon, a sales executive in a \$225

seat paid for by her company. Another added pithily: "I saw

more spunk in him here than

Few audience members said that they would have come just to hear Mr Major, how-

ever, and some admitted they

did not know who he was. The

main attractions were Henry

Kissinger, the former US Sec-

retary of State, who gave a

warning that all English ac-cents were laked to intimidate

Americans: Barbara Bush, the

former First Lady, who was

rapturously greeted over the

Beach Boys' Lei's Go Surfin

Now: and Christopher Reeve

the paralysed actor, who has

become a regular at such

events in his pursuit of funds

for spinal injury research.

on the floor of Parliament."

message."

asked in the green room afterwards. The question had been about the election, but the answer was "no" anyway. Instead, he has enjoyed visiting the Rockies, fraternising backstage with the Rolling Stunes and going to opera and

"I know it's been fashionable over the last few years to say all this guy's interested in is politics, football, cricket and rugby," he said. "But there are a lot more interests in my life. and I shall pursue them with



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BY NIGEL HAWKEN SCILNCE EDITOR

THE Saturn-bound spacecraft Cassini was successfully launched on its sevenyear odyssey yesterday. The second attempt to launch the spacecraft, described as the last of the great interplanetary probes, went faultiessiv High winds and technical hitches had prevented the launch on Monday, Scientists and engineers cheered and embraced when Cassini left Earth's orbit 40 minutes after lift-off and streaked at nearly 25,000 mph towards Venus and ultimately Saturn. "It's beautiful," said Charles Kohlhase, Cassini's science and mission design manager, "We've waited a long time for this." Cassini carries several plutonium-powered generators to keep it alive in the

entalists had given a warn-ing that the 72lb of plutonium might escape in the event of the rocket failing, but officials from the US space agency, Nasa. insisted that it would be safe because of the many pre-cautions taken. "We're all very excited. We

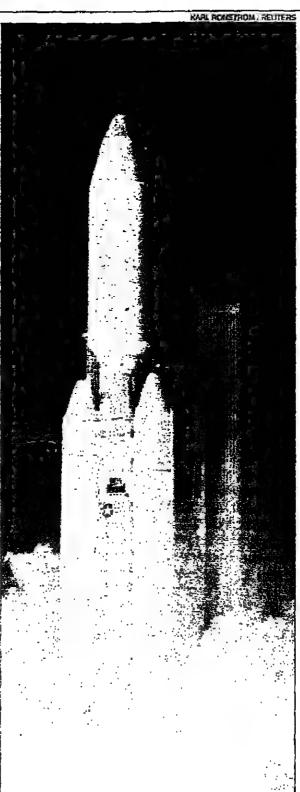
depths of space. Environ-

knew there wouldn't be a problem," said the Energy Department's Beverly Cook, who is in charge of Cassini's nuclear load. But we were prepared — it's designed for accidents. There wasn't going to be a safety problem." Cassini's \$3.4 billion (£2.1 billion) mis-

sion will not begin to pro-

reaches Saturn in 2004.

The route involves close nacces with Venus Itwice). Earth and Juniter. When it passes within 500 miles of Earth in 1999, anti-Cassini campaigners can be expected to make their voices heard again, but Dr Cook said there is a less than onein one million chance that the probe would re-enter Earth's atmosphere.



A Titan AB rocket lifts off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, carrying the Saturn-bound Cassini craft

#### Law puts paid to the din of New **Yorkers**

FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN NEW YORK

ONE of the most noisy, clamorous, screeching, strident. ear-splitting cities on earth is about to become a little bit quieter. Sick of the daily cacuphony that assaults New Yorkers, the city council has voted to introduce swingeing

new fines for noise-makers. By the end of this month, the owners of drills, radios, cars, air conditioners, barking dogs, motorcycles and boom-ing bars will all make a nuisance of themselves at their own financial peril.

By 44 votes to four, the council has decided to double existing fines for second-time offenders, and to treble the fines for those who think that raice is not enough.

"New York City is never going to be a sleepy town where you hear the crickets chirping," said a councillur, Gifford Miller, who introduced the anti-noise Bill and help to draft it with the Department of Environmental Protection. "But I think we can make it a little quieter, a little saner."

Under the new regime, the owner of a noisy dog could be fined up to \$525 (£325) for failing to silence the animal. Playing a stereo system too loudly could cost up to \$1,050; unlawful use of a car horn could cost an offender \$2.025. A car alarm which does not stop blaring within three minutes could cost the vehicle's

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owner up to \$2,100. Bars and discos have the most to fear from the new punishment. A third offence by a noisy bar will result in a whopping \$24,000 fine. This is designed to out-manocuvre those commercial establishments which "factor in" the present flat-rate fine of \$8,000 as a cost of doing business.

Not surprisingly, the new fines have been criticised by the New York Nightlife Association, a coalition of about 50 licensed cabaret and music clubs. Robert Bookman, their lawver, said: "There has to be a certain amount of tolerance to industries which are impor-

#### Clinton dances to rhythm of Rio's slums

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN RIO DE JANEIRO

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PRESIDENT CLINTON rolled up his shirt sleeves and abandoned protocol to get a taste of Brazilian street culture during a five-hour visit to Rio de Janeiro

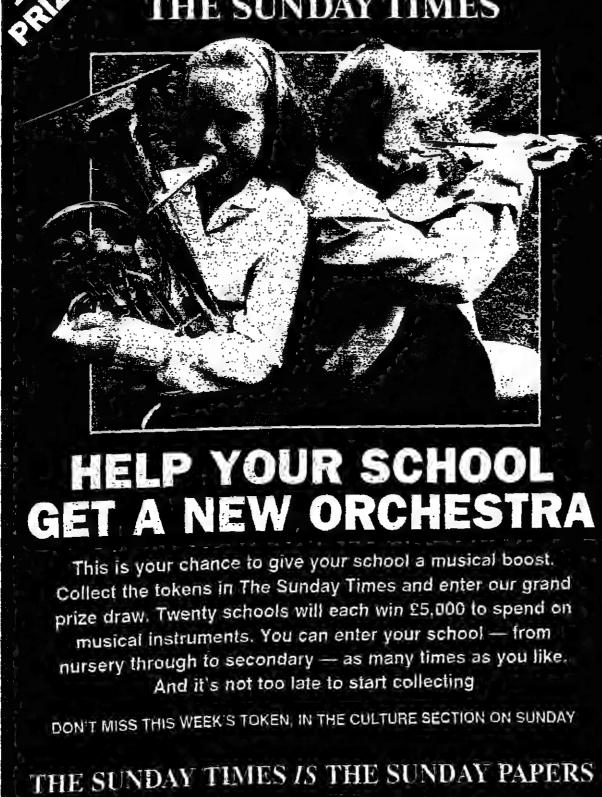
He played football with the tootball

tunes played by children in one of the biggest slums. Hundreds of Brazilian troops. US agents and sharpshooters stationed on dozens of hillsides watched cautiously as Mr Clinton and the First Lady toured a sporting complex built for. deprived children beside the Mangueurs. shanty town, where gode than 100,000 people live in makes all historia.

being crime-ridden because they are controlled by gun-carrying drug gangs who hide their illegal trade in the shacks perched on steep hillsides. This is where the city's poor population of more than

Police raided the Mangueira Javela before the Clinions' visit confiscating several dozen machineguns and hand-grenedes used by the drug traffickers







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# Why the men are now tested first for infertility

complained of infertility, it was the woman who was expected to undergo s battery of uncomfortable medical tests, and only when no cause for infertility was found was the man then investigated.

The situation is now reversed. In the best fertility centres it is the man who is examined first, and the woman is therefore allowed to avoid invasive investigations which were frequently

The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared that in at least 43 per cent of infertility cases the cause is likely to stem from a fault in the male reproductive system. In 25 per cent of cases this infertility can be directly related to abnormalities in the semen, or the sperm. Sperm must not only be present in the semen in the correct numbers but must be able to penetrate cervical mucus and the ovum. The correct proportion of the sperm must be of normal appearance and there should be at least 2ccs of semen, that is to say about the amount of fluid which will fill half a large

Dr D I Lewis-Jones and Mr M R Gazvani of the Liverpool Woman's Hospital have recently reviewed the causes of male infertility in the British Journal of Hospital Medicine. Previously it was sometimes possible to diagnose the trouble which caused it, but only occasionally could anything be done to alleviate it. Traditionally the male patient who had a poor sperm count has been advised to wear loose clothing, in particular to throw away tight-fitting pants and



have a hot bath before sex and to take plenty of zinc, vitamin C and vitamin E. All these measures are doubtless useful but the number of children who actually owe their existence to them is unknown, and doctors have recently suggest-

be very small. There were great hopes that in vitro fertilisation (IVF), might have revolutionised the treatment of infertility when it was the result of poor quality semen, but this did not happen. However, in the past five years intracytoplasmic

ed that it is likely to

injection, the injection of a single sperm into an ovum, has proved highly successful. In fact the very success of this procedure has caused some anxiety as it is feared that the reasons for the father's infertility may now be being passed on to future generations. Sperm for intra-cytoplasmic injection may ei-

Dr Thomas Stuttaford reports on why the infertility spotlight has fallen on the man, the mystery surrounding the death of Dylan Thomas; coeliac disease, pasta and children, and the relationship between Hodgkin's disease and tonsilectomy

ther be taken from the semen. if any are present there, or from a testicular biopsy.

When a man is investigated in order to determine whether he is responsible for infertility, his past medical and occupa-tional history is of great importance. Those jobs in which

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the man is subjected to excessive heat, radiation or contact with possi-bly harmful chemicals, may reduce the sperm count, as can excessive smoking, drinking and an indulgence in illicit drugs. The also be affected by many drugs ob-tained on a doctor's prescription. These

include steroids, some treatments for indigestion, many of the drugs prescribed to treat high blood pressure, and others which are used to treat chronic inflammatory conditions and liver failure.

When discussing a patient's past medical history a doctor is not only interested in such

obvious causes of infertility as swollen testes accompanying mumps, mal descended testes or certainly the scrotum, but also a wide variety of diseases ranging from cystic fibrosis, and chronic chest disease to sinusitis. Although women are well aware that venereal infections such a gonorrhoea and chlamydia may cause pelvic inflammatory disease and infertility, men are less ready to admit that the same organ-isms can result in their

Therefore before venturing into the realms of IVF, micro-assisted fertilisation and intracytoplasmic sperm injection, it is important to clear up any lingering infection in the male genital tract. They should also have any obvious physical deficiencies surgically remedied. But long courses of hormone therapy are likely to prove disappointing.

Many thanks to readers who have sent me good wishes. I am out of hospital and am feeling remarkably well.



Dylan and Caitlin Thomas at Laugharne: A new book suggests he may have died after going into diabetic coma

DYLAN THOMAS died while on a lecture tour in America. A recent book suggests that his death was caused by diabetic coma, which his doctor had not spotted, not alcohol poisoning as is usually assumed. The author also implies Thomas's end may have been precipitated by the doctor's prescription, rather than any over-dispensing of alcohol by a barman.

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Thomas had been advised to take steroids, presumably to treat chronic liver disease, and amphetemines, per-haps as a substitute for alcohol. The BBC illustrated a debate about the new book with a picture of Thomas standing by a bar, with a door labelled Gents immediately behind him. Whoever chose the picture has thus kept diagnostic options open; the poet's tragically early death either followed a barside binge, or his proximity to the loo could

have been a sign of diabetes:
Older people, who most often suffer from non-insulin-dependent diabetes, usually first notice an increase in the frequency of urination, excessive thirst, weight loss and tiredness. Often, they are, like Thomas, overweight and, as in his case, the obesity can be ascribed to heavy drinking. Such diabetes is some-times detected by chance at a routine medical examination, or uncovered when the patients have developed the complications associated with it coronary heart disease, peripheral vas-cular disease, chronic kidney troubles. Did drink kill Dylan Thomas?

dependent are usually younger and often thin and athletic. In insulindependent diabetes, an acute disease, coma is a very real threat, but less so for those with the non-insulin-dependent

Those suffering from the latter occasionally do go into non-ketotic hyperglycaemic-hyperosmolar coma-(NKHHC). This has a 50 per cent mortality rate; if Thomas did suffer from this type of coma. he would, given his

condition, have been unlikely to recover. Alcoholics who indulge in binge drinking may also suffer from alcoholic ketoacidosis, an even rarer cause of a raised blood sugar in a heavy drinker.
Thomas's drinking pattern would have made him a possible candidate for this condition; sufferers characteristically enjoy wild orgies of drinking. But one day, after the binge, and indeed after they have sobered up, they suddenly develop severe abdominal pain and gutwrenching vomiting, and collapse. Bio-

chemical blood tests reveal their blood sugar level has been raised - as was the

Alcoholic ketoacidosis is treated achieved by correcting the body's acid/base balance and providing nutrients and fluids. Insulin is not needed. Many of these patients already have chronic pancreautis but usually make a complete recovery.

in Thomas's case there is every reason to suppose that both the reasons advanced for his death are correct. Evidence suggests that he was a heavy drinker, was obese and might well have soffered from non-insulin-dependent diabetes. His alcohol consumption could well have both contributed to his final illness. If he was diabetic, and if he did go into coma, it could well have been caused by NKHHC. Or it is just possible that, in his case, the discovery of raised blood sugar was not related to diabetes but to alcoholic ketoacidosis, in which case the major premise of the new book

A word of warning. The jolly Welsh publican who was saying on television that Thomas could not have died of alcohol poisoning because he drank only beer to excess was too optimistic. Different drinks have different healthgiving qualities when drunk in moderation, but the serious consequences of excessive drinking are related to the amount of alcohol taken, not to the type



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#### Rice really is nice

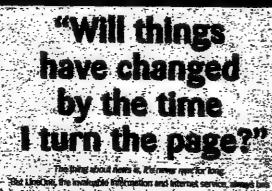
CHILDREN'S doctors have been puzzled as to why the incidence of coeliac disease is declining in British, but not It-alian, children. The disease is caused by sensitivity to gluten, which is found in wheat and other cereals. It leads to poor absorption of food, and in children causes diarrhoea, abdominal pain and bloating, a failure to thrive, recurrent infections and anaemia.

Research has confirmed that the reason for the differish children is that in Britain women are likely to breastfeed longer, and that when they do wean their children, are less likely to give them gluten-rich foods. Many British baby foods are based on rice, rather

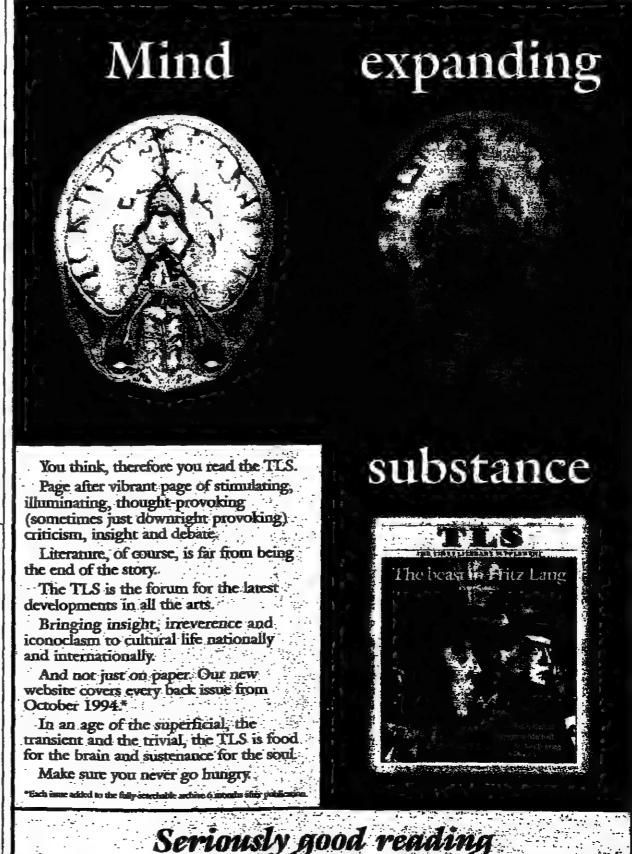
Italian pasta may sometimes be the cause of skinny babies, as well as being often responsible for overweight parents

#### HODGKIN'S DISEASE AND TONSIES

ONE of the last patients I diagnosed before I went into bospital a fortnight ago had Hodgkin's disease, which is often described as cancer of the lymph glands. The patient, a 30-year-old banker, was typical of someone with Hodgkin's disease for this disease peaks twice. The first peak occurs between the ages of 15 and 35, the second, after 60. My patient had swollen lymph glands in her neck and chest. Treatment will be straightforward and she has a more than 90 per cent chance of making a full recovery. The journal GP reports that the disease is lour times more common in people who had a tonsilectomy when they were young. This may not be a result of the surgery, but may be related to what prompted the operation.







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# My baby, bankruptcy and Baldwin

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Four years after filing for bankruptcy, Kim Basinger is back with a baby and a strong performance in a new film. Interview by David Eimer

thing, even if it's wrong." laughs Kim Basinger. "She meant just get busy, don't just stand there." It's a philosophy that Basinger took to beart. She has art. She has spent her life proving that she's not one to sit back and just wait for things to happen. After achieving everything she thought she could as a model in New York, she packed up her Jeep and drove to Los Angeles. When her fledgeling acting career threatened to grind to a halt, she jump-started it by posing for Playboy. She took on one of the controversial female roles of the 1980s in 912 Weeks, and when she met her future husband, the actor Alec Baldwin, on the set of The Marrying Man in 1990, she conducted a passionate and very public relationship with him. All of which indicates that, if nothing else, Basinger doesn't lack confidence. Now, three years after she last appeared on screen, in the fashion industry satire Pret-d-Porter, she's back in LA Confidential, her first film since she gave birth to her daughter,

Few actresses can get away with taking such an extended break from Hollywood, but Basinger has returned to give one of the strongest performances of her career. As Lynn Bracken, an upmarket hooker who gets embroiled in a multiple murder investigation in 1950s LA, she's still beautiful but it's the economy and precision of her acting that is more impressive. Infusing Bracken with a world-weariness and an intuitive intelligence, Basinger more than holds her own with a cast that includes Kevin Spacey, Danny DeVito and Russell Crowe.

When working on LA Confidential her character's look was inspired by 1940s screen siren Veronica Lake, an actress whose hairstyle had the same effect on women at the time as Jennifer Aniston's during the early episodes of Friends. "She was an incredibly talented actress whose the years she was on screen. like a lot of people in Holly-because her hairdo was more wood, that Basinger has a

famous than her abilities."

It is not surprising that she feels some empathy with Lake. As a former model Basinger has always suffered the prejudice and envy that the very beautiful attract, and while there's no doubt that her looks got her career going Basinger has always taken acting seriousty

LA Confidential vividly recalls the LA of the 1950s, an era that Basinger associates with her childhood and particularly her father, who still lives in Georgia with her mother. "We'd watch these old movies. He was so in love with the movies. He was a great musician - he played in the big-

> I needed a film and Playboy did what I thought it. would do

band era and I think he's always loved show business," she says fondly. Basinger admits that her career was partially motivated by a desire to please her father.

That wasn't the case with her mother, an ex-model who was still working into her forties. Basinger is much closer to her father and didn't even. tell her mother when she posted for the February 1983 issue of Playboy. At the time. Basinger had already made her movie debut in 1981's Hard Country, but was still struggling to establish herself. "I don't have any regrets. There are several things I'd do differently, but at that time inmy life I made the best choice I could. I remember struggling with the choice because I am

around in the nude." if this sounds a little odd coming from the star of 94.

in no way an exhibitionist I

am not comfortable running

selective memory. She's honest enough, though, not to disguise her motives for the Playboy shoot. "I needed a film and it did exactly what I thought it would do - it made a lot of noise and I got calls off the wall to do films. In fact I think it had something to do with me getting The Man Who Loved Women." It was the first movie in which Basinger, starring opposite Burt Reynolds, had a chance to show that she could be funny, and althrough subsequent comedies were less successful, she's still an

underrated comic acrees

Basinger isn't saying what

her dad thought of the Playboy shoot, or what his reaction to 92 Weeks was. Now that she's a mother, would she let lireland see the film when she's older? "That's Alec's biggest had the baby, he'd call it Tommy and say That's going to be the day, when our son comes home and says Roger's daddy saw Mom naked in a movie.' I said 'Be quiet, we've both done it. Hey, if that happens, it's my career - that's what I did. There's nothing I'll ever hide from my daughter.

It was during the filming of turned her into a worldwide star - that Basinger's first marriage began to break down. She had married Ron Britton, a make-up artist who was 15 years her senior, soon. after arriving in LA, and hesubsequently acquired a rep-utation in Hollywood for the influence he seems to have exerted over her. If the explicit subject matter of 912 Weeks helped to provoke a split between the couple, then it was Basinger's own, growing confidence that led to her divorce from Britton in 1989 after a decade together. It also helped to change her attitude to women. "It's only recently that I've really discovered women. Laiways had male friends in my life," she admits. "My sister Ashley is my closest friend in the world, my best friend. She lives in Georgia.

But lately I've gotten to know a

"I wouldn't do anything to jeopardise my marriage. If Alec said 'I really don't want you to do that', I would listen to what he was saying'

was linked with Jeff Bridges, Michael Keaton, whom she met on the set of Batman as well as Prince. During this period, she considered a secand career in music and even unfortunate title The Colour of Ser. Ultimately, though, she decided against releasing it. It was at this time that Basinger met Alec Baldwin. Their alleged antics on the set of The Marrying Man became notorious: there were reports of Basinger spending every able to exchange things with." was a crazy time as far as After her divorce, Basinger reporting goes — it was a very

untruthful time," sighs Basinger. "But if I had to go through that again to meet him, then so be it." The couple, who married in the summer of 1993, have been inseparable ever since, and Basinger now admits to being so devoted to her husband that she would be unlikely to take on a film like 9's Weeks. "I wouldn't do " anything to jeopardise my marriage. If Alec said 'I really don't want you to do that'. I would listen to what he was

But far more damaging The Marrying Man was the staggering news that Basinger

was being sued for allegedly breaking a contract to appear in Boxing Helena, the 1992 directorial debut of David Lynch's daughter Jennifer, Although Basinger never signed a contract, she filed for bankruptcy in 1993 after the LA Superior Court ordered her to pay \$8.1 million in damages and legal fees. That amount was reduced by \$5 million in 1995 and may go down again. Basinger isn't keen to discuss the specifics, but most people in the film industry feel she got a raw deal. "I've always had a

it's helped me survive all this."

Basinger claims that the

Basinger's life. "It's the greatest thing I'll ever do in my life and the biggest responsibility will ever have." she says. "My daughter has brought clarity and freedom to

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if she and Baldwin were going

to have a haby, then this was

the time to do it. I reland is now

two years old and the centre of

another child and

adoption, but with both their careers flourishing, there's little time for additional responsibility. Basinger has come a long way since leaving Geor gia at 17, and for the moment life couldn't be better. "Happi ness comes from clarity, and

every day I'm much more clear on things in my life. I'm in a great place.

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#### Where is the **British novel?** Booker judge Jason Cowley on the winner To watch Channel 4's coverage of the Booker Whitaker BookTrack, moni-

Prize was to undermand why Martin Amis calls London a "skartky town". No sooner had Arundhati Roy received her award, than she was bullied ipto making an instant quote by roving reporter Muriel Gray, whom minutes later 1 heard making a nasty off-camera remark about her. This was graceless indeed. Then Roy was sucked into a ruck of reporters and photographers, a small, exquisite figure hurried out of the Great Hall before having a chance to savour her triumph with her husband and friends. Returning to the studio, we

were greeted by the glum faces of Will Self, A. S. Byatt and Carmen Calil, clearly dismayed by the decision Callil characteristically lived down to expectations by dis-missing The God of Small Things as "vulgar and exectable" — which in itself was shamingly vulgar. In the cor-ridors of Guildhall, meanwhile, literary journalists swarmed and plotted, malignly gossiping and laxily spreading misinformation about the "poor" sales performance of the shortlist - that, for instance, The Underground Man by Mick Jackson had sold only 67 copies in the past

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tors so few shops as to render the figures spectacularly inaccurate. Since being shortlisted on September 15, Jackson has sold 6,000 copies - a remarkable performance for a hitherto emicroven debut novelist The shortlist bestseller, The God of Small Things, sold 15,000 copies in less than a month. Yet nobody will acknowledge this. Earlier, I had gathered with

my fellow judges in the Alder-mans' Dining-Room for our final and, as it turned out, most enjoyable meeting There was no discord: only encouragement for the shortlisted authors. The longed-for row never happened. The importance of our decision concentrated our conversation; several judges expressed honour only one writer.

Three novels, including one of my own favourites, Europa by Tim Parks, quickly dropped out leaving The God Small Things. Quarantine by Jim Crace and Grace Notes by Bernard Mac Laverty. But it was not hard to find a winner, we had all known since April. if only we'd realised, that Roy would win. As a result, we later conceded that we could have made our decision within five minutes of entering the room: it was that harmonious.

For almost alone among the 106 entries, Roy, mistakenly called a magic realist, has her own voice, her own signature. She is so verbally gifted that she makes most other writers appear leadenly inadequate.

That an Indian won the 1997 Booker Prize is, I think. entirely appropriate. This has not been a good year for the British novel; it's worth repeating that the judges cannot find abundance in a time of famine. If the Booker Prize is a mirror in which contemporaily literary culture may glimpse a reflection of its own worth, then one ought to look elsewhere - to the United States or India. I once again congratulate Roy on her achievement; but where are

the new British writers?

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# Democracy's dear to us, Mr Dewar

Parliament belongs in Edinburgh. not Leith, says Magnus Linklater

ould it matter if the House of Commons were moved from Westminster to Docklands? Would the quality of democracy suffer? It might seem un-thinkable to toss aside 700 years of parliamentary history, to remove the people's forum from the heart of the capital. On the other hand, one can think of some powerful arguments in favour. It would transform the inner-city environment, drawing London traffic away from the centre; it would be a healthy boost for economic develop-ment, it would allow a building fit for the 21st century rather than the cramped, archaic premises in which our MPs struggle to carry out their

This is the kind of debate that has been dividing Scotland over the past few weeks. The decision about the exact site for a new Scottish parlia-ment is fast approaching, and the outcome is linely balanced. The letters columns of the Scottish papers are full of it. fevered meetings of conservation societies have taken place. Lobbying is ferocious. At the centre of it all is the Scottish Secretary, Donald Dewar, his brow more furrowed than

usual as he considers the options. He has let it be known that he has postponed a decision to give time for more detailed scrutiny. There are strong grounds for delaying yet further ... For almost a de-

cade there was only one possible choice: the great pillared Royal High School on Calton Hill overlooking Ar-thur's Seat, designed by the 19th-century architect Thomas Hamilton and modelled on the Greek temple of Theseus. It was always destined to be the Scottish parliament - whenever that came about. But as reality approached, hard questions began to be asked. Was it not too small, too cramped, too confrontational an amphitheatre for the new model parliament we were all told to expect? The chamber was like a cockpit, other facilities were hopelessly antediluvian. It was an argument I raised in these columns. Soon afterwards it emerged that Labour ministers were looking elsewhere. No connection, I am

Their eye fell on the port of Leith, once Edinburgh's gate-way to the Continent, now a mini-Docklands, much refurbished with fashionable restaurants. warehouses converted to upmarket apartments, and little to suggest that it was the setting for Trainspotting except for the prostitutes who still patrol its meaner streets. There was much to be said for it. The Scottish Office was recently relocated there. A "greenfield" site was uffered, and there was much talk of a "waterfront" building — something like the Sydney Opera House, who knows? And didn't Mary of Guise move the seat of government to Leith in 1548?

Above all, it was cheap. The devolution White Paper had specified a price of "between, £10 million and £40 million and a new building seemed likely to cost less than convert-ing the Calton Hill site. The advice from civil servants was to go for Leith, and Mr Dewar seemed on the point of making his announcement. But then, like a grumbling giant, the Scottish public — or rather the to wake up and take notice.

Why Leith? Did the Scottish people really want a Parliament that was out of sight and out of mind? Surely a parlia-ment should be visible, responsive. Immediately accessible. The city council weighed in. Edinburgh's influential civic groups expressed opposition. A third site, near

Haymarket, emerged, And Mr Dewar stayed his hand, Encouragingly, the argu-ment now revolves not purely around the dry Issues of costtion, but the character and purpose of a parliament. Attention has once again focused on Calton Hill because it is such a compelling site, domi-nating the East End of the City, a counterpoint to Edinburgh Castle at the other end of Princes Street. "It is the spiritual home of a parlia-ment," said one conservationist I spoke to.
The building is too small

and cramped most commentators Why not now accept that. But opposite is the reallow time markable building which houses the Scottish Office - St for a full Andrew's House, appraisal designed 1930s by Thomas of options? Tait and a splendid

example of imperial architecture. Much thought has gone into linking these two buildings, possibly by means of a tunnel, possibly by closing off the under-used road that bisects them and constructing a linking structure. The city council has commissioned a feasibility study which envisages glassing over its spacious courtyard and making it a debating chamber. Mr Dewar is against this, but other suggestions have surfaced. Personally I favour the Greenside site around the corner, an unused area of Calton Hill overlooking Queen Street. And if, at the same time, they demolished

the 1960s concrete St James's

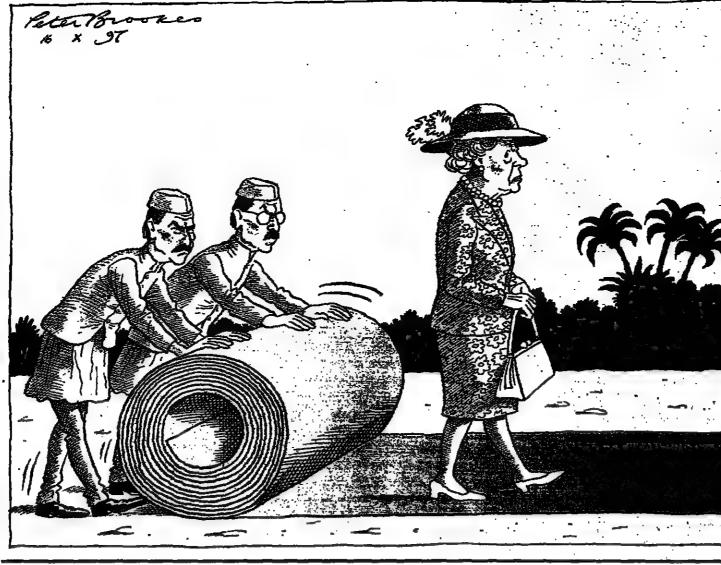
Centre opposite, all Edin-

burgh would raise a cheer.

B ut this needs open dis-cussion. So far the run-ning is being made by heavily vested commercial interests, offering tempting inducements for both Leith and Haymarket. That is not the basis on which a final choice should be made. And in the end, is Mr Dewar the man to decide? After all, the "client body", as one architect described it. is the Scottish parliament itself. Instead of rushing to complete the building by the millennium, why not allow time for a full appraisal of all the options. accepting that the parliament might open in temporary accommodation while the final site is being prepared? When Venice commissioned the church of Santa Maria della Salute to commemorate the plague of 1630, it took 57 years

to complete. But it wasn't half

a building to be proud of.



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# Yanks and Limeys

hen Henry James be-came a member of the home to his family in Boston with the excited exclamation: "J'y suis. J'y suis, forever and a day." Henry James is the classic example of the American Anglophile. He livest mainly in England for the second half of his life; he actually became a British citizen shortly before his death in order to affirm his loyalty to Britain in the Great War.

This year Joseph Epstein, the American man of letters, gave the Cleanth Brooks lecture on American literature and culture to the Institute of United States Studies in the University of London. The title of his lecture was "Anglophilia, Americanstyle" and he quoted the example of Henry James. He is himself a longstanding Anglophile. The England he admires is that of the historical culture and of his youth in the 1940s and 1950s; it is interesting to note the qualities he finds most attractive:

Kenneth Tynan claimed that Noe inventor of the cool. It was Noci Coward who, at being greatly leted before his 70th birthday, after receiving handsome toasts from Laurence Olivier and the Earl of Mountbatten. remarked: "I am awfully overcome at this moment and, as you can see, restraining it with splendid fortitude." English cool has always seemed impressive to Americans, certainly to the Anglophiles among us. it is ping out of a bunker during a Nazi bombing raid in Yugoslavia, looking up at the sky raining down bombs and announcing: "Like all things German, this is vastly overdone." Funnier than either of these remarks is Max Beerbohm's put-down of Freud. When asked his opinion of Freudian theory. he commented: "A tense and peculiar family, the Oediouses."

Joseph Epstein's judgment is that only an Englishman would have chosen that lovely, comic, absolutely on-target sentence". It is pleasant to be congratulated on this coolness and therefore on the modernity of English humour, particularly on the humour of a period which is still unfashionable.

I cannot help noticing, however, the extent to which this detached irony belongs to the tradition of high camp: if not actually gay, it has a gay style. The names quoted are highcamp names: Tynan. Coward, Olivier, Mountbatten, Waugh, Beerbohm. Their jokes are the stylistic godchildren of Oscar Wilde, who adds an

Anglophilia is still alive: the special relationship is cultural, not political

Irish element. The characteristic tone of English humour — clipped, ironic, fantastic - seems to owe an equal debt to the Irish and to the gay. Certainly our national humour cannot be divorced from its Irish ancestry in Swift, Goldsmith, Sheridan. Wilde and Shaw.

Anglophile Americans can, however, see even more substantial virtues in the English than dry jokes or Cary Grant's gift of looking at home in a dinner jacket. Joseph Epstein says things that the English could not and would not say about

My first, still strong, experience of history was that of World War II. as I shall always think of it, won by the English, "the stolld English" Rees-Mogg who, in Primo Le-

vi's words, "had not noticed that they had lost the game". Two years old when it began and eight when it ended, I then saw World War II as I continue to see it today, as the good war, the war without moral equivocation. And its outcome was owed to English rightexusness, endurance and courage.

Just as there are still Angophile Americans, there are also Ameri-canophile English people, Baroness Thatcher prominent among them. The two nations have always valued. or disliked, each other for different qualities. The great English cultural export has always been literature --Tokyo had two replicas of Elizabe-than theatres before London, under the impulse of an American, built the Globe. The great American cultural export has been the cinema. Some of its film stars have not been American: Greto Garbo and Ingrid Bergman were Swedish and Marlene Dietrich was German. Bob Hope and Cary Grant went to America from England as children. Even Fred Astaire was born in Austria with the engaging name of Friedrich Austerlitz. Yet the impact of Hollywood is a

wholly American impact. Old English literature and early Hollywood both provided heroic role models. As a child in the Chicago of the 1940s, Joseph Epstein rather touchingly found some of his role models in Dickens:

Christmas, as I understood it, was practically invented by Charles Dickens. Dickens, too, in Oliver Twist and David Copperfield, taught the poignant conditions of poverty and of being orphaned. He also taught one to have great expectations. And once again, heroism: "It is a far, far better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better not that I go to the better thing that I do, than I have ever done; it is a far, far better rest that I go to, than

Some Hollywood role models did show the elegant courage of Sydney Carton facing the guillotine; more

terestingly they the western hero. the strong man who order in an anarthic society; or the urban hero, the tough guy with a core of honour, such as Bogart or

Cagney in their positive roles. The power of Casablanca lies in its morality. Americans have been attracted to English culture by its historical depth and complexity; the English have been attacted to American culture by its vitality. My favourite English novel of the 20th century is Brideshead Revisited; my favourite American novel is The Great Gatsby - both simple choices and popular favourites. Both novels deal with class, but they represent the

appeal of different cultures. Modern Anglophilia and Americanophilia appear to be in a regrettable decline. English culture has lost much of its self-confidence. Epstein quotes a passage from George Santayana, written as long ago as 1950: Her kings were half-ashamed to be kings, her liberals were halfashamed to govern, her Church washalf-ashamed to be Prorestant. All became a medley of sweet reasonableness, stupidity and confusion.

Though still near the height of its power, America has the feeling of mid-afternoon; so recently it still seemed to be morning. Hollywood has gone the way of English literature: there is a subtext of despair. Yet in neither country has the love

for the culture of the other wholly

UH OH. Tony Banks has been

disappeared. In Britain there is a regrettable ignorance of American history — the average Englishman knows the name of only one 18thcentury American president, George Washington, and one from the 19th century, Abraham Lincoln. The Insti-tute of United States Studies is fighting this ignorance: Paul Johnson has written an heroic one-volume History of the American People. With the Institute. The Times and Dillons Bookshop are hosting a forum on the books nop are nosting a forum on the book next Monday, October 20 (telephone 0171-467 lo13 for details). Among the speakers will be Lord Renwick and Gavin Esler. But the ignorance will still be there, and indeed most Americans are equally

ill-informed about English history. Yet the United States still has a gravitational pull. We are always being told how European the under-30 generation is in this country. It may be so, but it is even more American. It shares with America a common music, films, social patterns, even the Internet. There are always plenty of young Americans in London and young Englishmen and women in New York: they mix without consciousness of the national difference. A young German, even with perfect English, seems much more foreign in either city.

Epstein concludes his lecture by recognising the partial fading of the Angiophile dream, Inevitably, culture relates to a nation's power:

That greatest of British ambassadors, English literature, shows signs of beginning to lade. "Georgetown University's abandoning of the requirement that English majors study at least two authors among Chaucer. Shakespeare and Milton..... The New York Times recently reported, "is now the norm, a new andy by the National.
Alumni Forum finds. In the assault of
multiculturalism, all of English culture can easily be portrayed as one large, dead, white European male.

This assault on the historical culture is being made on both sides of the Atlantic. What is the gain and loss if the English and Americans, have the Beatles in common, but have both lost John Milton? William: Shakespeare is still holding his own. in Hollywood as in London. Perhaps Paradise Lost has become as obscure to both modern nations as the Iliad or the Aeneid on which it was modelled. Yet Americans still find depth in the culture of England and the English still find dynamism in that of America. Neither Anglophilia nor Americanophilia is dead.

# No such thing as a free euro

John Redwood on

the dangers for business of EMU

Some large companies dream of a perfect world; one where there are no barriers across frontiers, where there is no risk of foreign exchange losses, where Euro-pean demand pours straight into orders and profits for their factories. If only such a world could exist. I would have loved such a world when

I chaired a PLC.
They tried to create it with the exchange rate mechanism. The idea was that currencies came closer and was that corrences came closer and closer together, until there would be one single rate that always applied. Unfortunately there was no right rate for sterling to join. As a DTI minister, I told business delegations before we went in that it would all end in tears. if you controlled exchange rates, you could not control interest rates. So It proved. What businesses gained on exchange risk, they lost many times over in higher borrowing costs and

Now I find myself drawing on my industrial, commercial and Government experience of the 1980s and 1990s to warn business again; this time of the dangers of the single currency. They tell me it is different from the ERM. So it is: it's an ERM that way cannot leave easily; an ERM that you cannot leave easily; an ERM the markets cannot save you from.

For bigger businesses, there will be a small saving on converting their money across Europe — but there will still be wild swings on the exchanges into dollars and yen. They will discover that a single currency with France and Germany is not all it's cracked up to be. The enthusiasts say the trouble with the ERM was that we went in at the wrong rate. A pity they did not warn us at the time. And what is the right rate now? Most big businesses which want a single currency argue that the present exchange rate is not the right one. How would they find the right one, and how would we get sterling down to that rate?

The Government's indecision is making a mockery in the markets. Huge sums are being invested in the belief that we will go in. Another day, huge sums are taken out in the belief that we will not. Speculators are making a killing out of all the rumours. The market goes up when they think we might join. With French and German interest rates so much lower than ours, the market gets excited at the thought of our rates coming down if we joined up.

there is no free lunch. Our rates. are higher because our econo-my is doing so much better. Our unemployment is half the French and German levels. If we did slash our rates to their level, we would have to impose much higher taxes to stop our economy blowing the roof off. There would be far too much money in circulation, house prices would surge, markets would go glody, and then there would be a

Has Gordon Brown thought about the problems it is causing for the local shop? If we are to join with the other countries, the shopkeeper has to be ready with two tills for January i. 2002, to take either euros or pounds. He has to change over all his accounts, and be ready to double his prices. For the rest of us. it will mean shopping in a foreign currency, with no sense of monetary values.

And what about the local amusement arcade, or Blackpool pleasure beach? Every coin-operated machine or ride will have to be changed. The council will have to alter all its car park machines, the bank cash dispensers will need replaceding, every business counting money by machine will need new equipment. Decimalisation was easy in comparison.
Yet Mr Brown and Mr Blair

cannot get around to telling us whether this is a good idea or not. If we are to be ready for 2002, businesses have to spend money now. to plan, and to order all the machinery they will need. It is a massive E10 billion outlay for British business as a

whole to get ready.

And what is it all for? For smaller businesses - the bulk of our companies - it produces no saving. It is all expense. They do not deal in marks or francs. Vauxhall will not close its Luton plant if we stay out. It might lose its European profits altogether if we plough on with a currency that does not work.

I am glad that the CBI and business groups now want an in-formed debate about the euro. I quite understand that many businessmen do not wish to be immersed in fundamental arguments about selfgovernment and constitutional change. There is plenty to debate with business about the impact that a single currency would have on the balance sheets and profit-and-loss

accounts of individual companies. A new consensus has emerged in the Conservative Party, uniting William Hague, myself, John Major and Ken Clarke. We all agree that entry now, at this exchange rate and in the different economic circumstances of Britain, France and Germany, would be bad for British business. We must now persuade all of British business that on this occasion, the majority view in Britain is right. We must force this Covernment off the fence so that business knows where it stands:

The author is the Shadow Trade and

# Too tacky

THE DINGY interior of Tony Blair's Downing Street residence is to receive a make-over. This will include new furnishing and wallpapering and is to be assisted by Lady Powell, the wife of Baroness Thatcher's former foreign policy adviser. Sir Charles, and sister-in-law of the Prime Minister's chief of staff, Jonathan Powell.

The decor in the flat above No II c is as outmoded as old Labour. brown viscose sofa-covers, grubby carpets, that sort of thing - far too crusty for the slinky standards of new Labour types. Carla Powell, a ferocious socialite who slips with admirable ease between the valons of Left and Right, has discussed the matter with Cherie Booth. A fre-



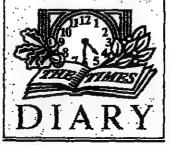
Mistress of style: Lady Powell

quent face at the Blairs' dinner table, she has persuaded Cherie

that something must be done. There is, however, a delicate matter to be resolved: who pays. The Cabinet Office accepts the need for redecoration, but it might not stretch to the exacting demands

The four-bedroom flat, which is home to the Blairs' three children. Euan, 13, Nicholas, 11, and Kathryn. 9, hovers above the offices of the Chancellor at Number II, as the Number 10 flat is 100 small. And it was next door that Carla first touted her decorating skills. She advised Margaret Thatcher on important issues such as hearthrugs and coffee tables. Her legacy can be seen on the third floor of No 10, where she installed two marble pillars. Yesterday she was in Egypt, no doubt scouring bazaars PIERS MERCHANT'S belated for Beduin oddities.

• HE WAS the last sceptic. Hum- who gave up his seat following his



has been absent from No 10 since his old friend John Major lost the election. He, at least, was holding out against the universal adoration for new Labour. No longer. Earlier this week he popped into the Cabinet Office, enjoyed a glass of milk and made himself at home by a radiator. Seasoned observers, though, interpret this not as a political conversion but as a selfserving exercise. "During summer he loves prowling St James's Park," says a top hound in Whitehall. "The first sign of winter and he is here sharp. It's time for thermals."

#### Un-manored

resignation has cost a senior Labour politico his job. Bryan Gould. phrey, the Prime Ministerial cat. unsuccessful leadership bid in

1994, will have to give up his title of Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Manor of Northstead - one of two archaic 17th-century sinecures that MPs apply for in order to become disqualified from political office. Neil Kinnock currently holds the title of Crown Steward and Bailiff of the Chiltern Hundreds.

Speaking from his home in New Zealand, where he has burrowed into academia. Gould admits to "a sense of great deprivation" at the loss of this title. Nobly he "hopes that Mr Merchant enjoys the position as much as I have".



"An invitation to a scandal-lit dinner!"

talking again. An interview has come my way that Banks granted to a student magazine at his alma mater, York University. Of his sex life at college, he was frank - too frank for your sensibilities, I fear, dear reader, but you will get the drift when I record his remark: "It was very permissive, in sexual terms, without any doubt at all. I must confess that my sex life was certainly more interesting than perhaps it has been in recent years." More interesting is his comment on new Labour: "We have connived. We have gone along with the party shifting to the right, in desperation to win an election. That's what that nice Mr Mandelson calls going "off message".

#### Who's she?

FED UP with the world of academe, the daughter of the rock star Pete Townshend is following her father into the music business. Emma Townshend, 28, has abandoned a PhD in history at King's College, Cambridge, to record her first single, The Last Time I Saw Sadie, due to be released in January. Little credit can be claimed by her father. "My parents were hopeless at making me go to piano lessons," Ms Townshend says. "My dad was really upset when I



started going. He'd say 'Oh, but you used to play such beautiful ab-stract pieces." Currently holed away writing his life story, her father nonetheless manages a compliment. Emma has a beautiful voice," he wheezes from his study, "so dynamic."

JASPER GERARD | Industry Secretary.

Since then top athletes like Carl

Lewis, Edwin Moses, Dave Scott (six-time Ironman triathlon winner) and Martina Navratilova, to name but a few, have also recognised the inmense advantages of vegetarianism.

Perhaps more schools should take a leaf from this forward-thinking Ed-

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Excuses, excuses

From Mrs Ian Campbell

October 14.

After several weeks had elapsed a further message should be sent saying "Referring to my earlier message. for

Yours faithfully, PATRICIA J. CAMPBELL,



#### A GUEST IN INDIA

The Government in Delhi has let down its people

There is an ancient Indian saying that "a guest is dearer than all. Two years before the Queen's state visit to India and Pakistan was entered in her diary, the governments of both countries were carefully sounded out as to whether a royal visit to mark the 50th anniversary of their independence would be welcomed. Every detail was, as it always is, meticulously planned in London, Islamabad and Delhi. The careful symmetry between her engagements in each country was designed to avoid the least occasion for offence — as was the decision to visit Pakistan first and India second, reversing

Queen's engagements, it took sensitivity on both sides to reconcile royal protocol with respect for the victims of the 1919 Jallianwala Bagh massacre. The city's people responded in the spirit of Mahatma Gandhi, showing their readiness to emphasise the ties that bind rather than past bitterness. By abruptly announcing that the Queen is debarred by protocol from speaking at a state banquet in Madras given by the Governor of Tamil Nadu state, India's Government has shown considerably less maturity.

After the intricate prior planning that goes into such visits, confusion over the exchange of toasts is barely conceivable; but it is not impossible. Tamil Nadu, a populous state that zealously guards its substantial degree of autonomy, might not have cleared the arrangements with Delhi, as palace officials would have assumed. It is also possible that Tamil Nadu did not believe this to be: necessary; Delhi's allegedly iron rule ofprotocol, which runs contrary to the spirit of India's federal constitution by in effect stating that there is no India outside Delhi. has a freshly minted look about it.

Whatever the truth, protocol is a combination of tradition and commonsense and if the Indian Government wished the Queen to believed that it had outgrown.

feel truly welcome, the right course would have been to have overlooked so minor a matter when raising it was certain to embarrass. This unnecessary episode has

Kashmir, not protocol, written all over it. The Indian Prime Minister, I. K. Guiral, has encountered fierce criticism from Indian nationalists ever since agreeing with Pakistan last summer to open negotiations on "all outstanding issues" between the two countries, including Kashmir. With tension high over the past month after renewed fighting on the Kashmir "line of control", Robin Cook's raising of the subject in Pakistan was particularly unfortunate. But

When she spoke in Pakistan of lifting the historical barriers between the two countries, it was in the spirit of unleashing the region's potential. She spoke of the pleasure that efforts this year to start bilateral talks on "contentious issues" gave to "the friends of both". There was no hint of preaching, still less of British involvement, and no word of Kashmir. In the subcontinent, these are sentiments shared by business, those with families on both sides of the border, and many others, particularly among the young. Whatever pro-Pakistan bias Delhi may suspect in the Labour Government - and Indian politicians have exaggerated Mr Cook's mistake for domestic consumption - the

Queen should not have been made a target. India has begun in recent years to shed the sententious, prickly-attitude to this country that made it a stereotype of postcolonial insecurities, just as it is casting off the red tape that has held back its economic potential. By departing from the courtesies to a guest that are central not only to secular good manners but to India's deeply rooted cultural and religious traditions, his Government has slipped back into habits of awkwardness that Indians and the world

#### **IRELAND NEEDS ALLIES**

A new economic challenge for Blair in Europe

When is a tax not a tax? As far as the tax regimes, a case that should not be lost on European Commission seem to be concerned, when it is levied in Ireland. For the competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert a tax pitched too low can be seen as a subsidy. He is currently exercised by the low level of corporation tax levied in the Irish Republic and has told the Irish Finance Minister, Charlie McCreevy, that its tax structure may be treated as a "state aid". The commissioner is considering penalising Ireland for its reluctance to burden business. Mr Van Miert, rightly, has been a scourge of subsidy but it is grotesque to punish the European Union's second most liberal economy in this way. Not only is it unfair on Ireland, it sets an unhappy precedent for European Union intervention in the fiscal freedom of member states. The Irish should not be left to fight this battle on their own.

Ireland's evolution from honorary member of the EC's Olive Belt to Celtic Tiger has taken place because of a variety of factors, not least the energy of its people and the quality of the State's education; but a liberal tax regime for business has been crucial. ireland has a standard corporation tax rate of 38 per cent but in several sectors, such as manufacturing and international financial services, the rate is only 10 per cent. The ultra-competitive tax regime has attracted significant investment to Ireland. Other EU countries, notably Germany, have waxed indignant at Ireland's audacity in creating growth by cutting taxes. The Commission has been persuaded to question Ireland's. "discriminatory" fiscal stance which other nations fear is slanted to securing footloose firms while milking less mobile parts of the

domestic economy. There is a principled case for defending the freedom of states to discriminate within

a UK Government that levies VAT on fuel at a lower rate than on other products. The Irish, nevertheless, have been prepared to listen to others' objections and to set a uniform rate. Fianna Fail came to power on a manifesto pledge to reduce corporation tax across the board to 10 per cent and, in coalition with the Progressive Democrats, it is

determined to establish a "single low rate". This is still, however, not good enough for the Commission, which wants to stop the exploitation of "predatory" business tax regimes and is pressing for a higher rate. The Commission is attempting to browbeat Ireland into compliance by threatening a cut in EU funding. There is a case, given Ireland's phenomenal growth, for reducing structural funds. It should not be overstated. Other EU countries, such as Germany, operated extravagant state subisidies, to wards industry which Ireland did not and, moreover, Ireland still has some way to go before its infrastructure is at a level comparable to many other member states.

Whatever the merits of any reduction in funding, however, there can be no logical linkage with the level of corporation tax. Ireland is setting an example other EU states should seek to emulate, not crush. It is not robbing other member states of investment but attracting it from all over the world, in the face of fierce global competition. It is only by allowing member states to establish their own fiscal regimes that EU nations can compete globally and learn, from each other, how best to boost growth. If Tony Blair wants a practical example of how he might lead Europe to a more flexible future he should consider using his forthcoming presidency of the Union to fight Ireland's corner.

#### SEX AND THE SINGLE SQUID

The terror of the deep is an aphrodisiac for the imagination

continual source of sensation. But, as our Science Editor reports, the mating habits of the giant squid are rare and even more sensational. The captures of two pregnant giant squid (Architeuthis) off Australia have provided the first record of sex among these almost legendary creatures. On the one hand, they show that there is nothing new. under the sun or beneath the sea. But on another hand, they show that they do things differently at 3,000 feet below the surface.

Sperm packages (spernatophores) were found embedded within the skin of the arms of a female. The hypothesis is that a male giant squid injects sperm packages into the arms of the female. Biologists suggest that males use their beaks or the scythe-like hooks on their arms to dig a hole in the females in which to deposit their packages.

Far less is known about the dark courtship rituals of the squid than of those of most forms of life, including MPs. But because it is encountered only occasionally by humans. when washed up or caught in fishermen's nets, the giant squid has a powerful hold on human imagination. In Greek myth Scylla was represented as having 12 feet. Her diet was fish, though she was happy to eat sailors

if a ship came by. The belief in huge, man eating creatures that inhabited the deep was widespread throughout the ancient world even before Homer steered Odysseus past Scylla's cave.

The mating habits of politicians are a In the Old Testament Leviathan features as a monstrous primordial enemy of God. And the Babyionian god Marduk's battle with the many-armed sea monster Tiamat is thought to be a precursor of the Christian legend of St George and the dragon.

The grip of the giant squid on the imagination is still strong. It has been a stock sea-horror of fiction from Moby Dick and Jules Verne's Twenty Thousand Leagues under the Sea, in which a shoal of giant "poulps" attack the Nautilus, to Hollywood and television. Tennyson published The Kraken when he was 21, and romanced in a letter about "vast and misshapen things, the wonders of the secret deeps, and the sea-

serpent, the huge chimera of the north". Man, the land animal, is still as fascinated as Tennyson by the mysteries of the sea. He may take his revenge by eating small squid cooked in their own ink, but he still knows far less about giant squids than he does about dinosaurs, which have been extinct for at least 65 million years. And in spite of this latest light cast on the mating habits of the giant squid, the creatures retain much of their archetypal myth. For a start, it does not explain the male Architenthis caught off Norway with spermatophores embedded in the skin of several arms and its mantle. Did another male accidentally rivet a rival while they were both trying to impregnate the same female? Or had this male literally shot himself in the foot?

#### ERS TO THE EDITOR

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#### Cook defends his Kashmir talks

From the Foreign and Commonwealth Secretary

Sir, If there is a "gaffe" in your reports of the state visit it is in your own curi-ous belief that the Foreign Secretary does not normally hold substantive talks during a state visit (leading article, "Cooking up a storm", October 14;

see also letters, October 15). On the contrary, it is standard pro-cedure for him to do so. In the past half dozen royal visits my predecessors held bilaterals with six foreign ministers, three presidents, two prime ministers and one defence minister. Nor were these merely "courtesy

It would have been a cause of major offence if in both Pakistan and India I had refused to hold meaningful talks with both prime ministers who wanted to do so. Your suggestion that I could have met with the Prime Minister of Pakistan but refused to discuss Kashmir has the ring of Olympian unreality, not least because one of the issues I was annious to raise was the fate of the two British hostages in

In neither Pakistan nor India did I make any public comment or statement on Kashmir. Nor has Kashmir overshadowed the royal visit or undermined our strong and close rela-tions with India. The immense, welcoming crowds at Amritsar testify to the warmth of feeling beween our peoples. In one hour at the Indo-Brith trade exhibition I witnessed the signing of eight major contracts and

My bilateral meeting and two meals with the Prime Minister of India were as cordial and positive as my exchanges in Pakistan. Among many points of agreement, we resolved to speak regularly by phone and particularly when the press was seeking to cause mischief between us. I fear your own reports underline the wisdom of that agreement.

Yours faithfully, ROBIN COOK Foreign and Commonwealth Office, London SWI 2AH. October 15.

#### Royal visits

From Mr Ivor Lucas

Sir. The contretemps over the royal visit to Pakistan and India (letters, October 15) has a precedent.

In 1961, the last time the Queen was in Pakistan, the country Avub Khan's martial law. We in the British High Commission in Karachi were beavering away drafting speeches for Her Majesty to say that of course we quite understood that the Westminster brand of parliamentary democracy did not suit everyone, and to commend the local version of "basic democracy" which Avub was then introducing.

Meanwhile our colleagues in Delhi

were busy drafting speeches for her to say how wonderful it was that the Indians were maintaining the best traditions of the Mother of Parliaments.

In the event, the Indians were outraged that the Queen should appear to be condoning military dictatorship in the Commonwealth, while the Pakistanis asked whether we really believed that Nehru's India was any more than a one-party state dressed up to look like Westminster-style democracy. However, at least on that occasion we succeeded in offending both sides equally.

Yours faithfully, **IVOR LUCAS** (First Secretary, Karachi, 1959-62). 65 Newstead Way, SW19.

#### **Dyer at Amritsar**

From Mr L M. Seben

Sir, Your correspondent boldly states in his report today that General Regi-nald Dyer's action in 1919 "appalled most people". I find this surprising. since shortly afterwards - in a libel action, O'Dwyer v Nair - an English jury vindicated Dyer's action and awarded heavy damages against the defendant for describing the action as

Indeed, as late as 1956, the Encyclopaedia Britannica commented in its section on martial law:

Public opinion, when not clouded by political considerations, has entirely endorsed this view and it is widely held that the action of Sir Mickael O'Dwyer [the lieutenant governor of the Punjab under whose anthority Dyer acted] and General Dyer "saved India".

Yours faithfully, I. M. SEBEN. 35 Chunch Street Saffron Walden, Essex October 15.

#### Quid pro quo?

From Mr Terry L. Johnson

Sir, I campot resist the temptation to inquire whether the survey of professionals which you mention ( Lawyers lean on expert witnesses", report, October 13, earlier editions) revealed any correlation between the one third of experts who altered their opinions on request, and the 15 per cent who ended up suing the solicitor for their fees?

Yours faithfully. T. L. JOHNSON. Johnson & Co (solicitors), 71-75 St Johns, Worcester. October 15.

#### Libraries face up to virtual reality

From the Chairman of the British Library

Sir, Your very welcome leader ("The virtual library", October 13) underlines the importance, for the UK's cultural, economic and social life, of making a success of the current plans to link public libraries to the informa-

The British Library has the world's finest collection and is the world's leading resource for scholarship, research and innovation. Our main catalogue, containing almost ten million entries, was put on the Internet this year (http://opac97.bi.uk/) as part of a programme for widening coess to our stock.

We are also currently evaluating bids from the private sector for participation in our digital library programme (at approximately £20 million the largest public finance initiative project not to involve funds for a building) so that we will be able to cominue to support the public library

It is fitting that in the year when we finally come to occupy our magnifi-cent new building at St Pancras we will also take the first steps in our "virtual" existence. Fitting because the virtual and the real (or traditional) library are complementary not competitive ways of accessing information.

Yours faithfully, JOHN ASHWORTH, Chairman The British Library, 96 Euston Road, NWL October 13.

From Mr Richard F. Shepherd

Sir, In my experience the modern public library has shelves full of pulp fiction and videos, and seemingly endless information technology gadgetry which seems to be little used and must absorb inordinate amounts of rev-

Public libraries need to get back to

basics and concentrate on providing decent books, and I suspect that most of us would be prepared to pay something for that privilege. If local authorities want to provide amusement areades, they should devise

ways of funding them separately.

Yours sincerely. RICHARD SHEPHERD. Whalecwm House, Cosheston, Pembrokeshire.

From Dr Phillip Hallam-Baker

Sir, You state in your leader that the librarian has not become obsolete in the information age. As someone who has spent the past five years helping develop the World Wide Web I very much agree.

A librarian's principal function is to help library users find material. Information technology has thus far been more effective in increasing the supply of information than the ability

The ability accurately to catalog, index and classify will become at least as important as the ability to write computer programs.

Yours etc. PHILLIP HALLAM-BAKER, 73 Merriam Street, Somerville, MA 02143. haliam@ai.mit.edu October 13.

From Mrs Peter Ashley Miller

Sir, Your headline (earlier editions. October 11) read "Libraries will put grannies on the Net". This 71-year-old is already "surfing" at Beccles Libra-. Although older than Her Majesty. I don't feel the world is going too fast. Thanks to Suffolk, I have jumped

Yours faithfully, JLL ASHLEY MILLER, 7 Ballygate, Beccles, Suffolk, October 15.

#### Loaded lobby voting From the Earl of Halsbury,

FRS, FEng

Sir, Speaking at the end of a debate in the Lords on June 25, I advocated an alternative system of voting in the Commons which, for want of a better name, I shall dub "loaded lobby

voting" (LLV). Assuming a party which attracted. say, 20 per cent of the electors but achieved, say, only 10 per cent of the elected, the latter would be given two votes each in a division. By contrast, if a party achieved 10 per cent of the electorate but a disproportionate 20 per cent of the elected, the elected would be given only half a vote.

How would this be manageable in practice? For security reasons those with a right of entry to the Palace of Westminster carry an identity card

with a magnetic strip, enabling them to unlock doors to which they have right of access. The same card could carry a second strip recording its possessor's voting power, to be presented to and read by a computer coupled to a reading device in the division lobby. Print-out of the result would be at least as fast as anything in use. LLV could not be applied in the

House of Lords, owing to the very large number of crossbenchers there, no matter. The membership of a revising chamber should be in contrast to that of an elected one, not a reflection thereof. In the Commons it would combine the virtues of both first-past-the-post and proportional representation.

spending about £20 million on rewrit-

ing 6,000 pages of tax law into plain

language shows the scale of the task.

Yours faithfully, MARTIN CUITS (Research director),

Sir, I thought I would try self-assess-

ment. I found it far from easy but the

result was that Her Majesty's Inspec-

tor of Taxes seemed to owe me £3,000

HMIT to do it for me as usual. The

Happily I had not spent my wind-

result was a refund of £164.60.

Plain Language Commission.

29 Stoneheads, Whaley Bridge,

From Mr Jan M. T. Sandison

High Peak, Derbyshire.

or thereabouts.

Yours sincerely,

IAN SANDISON.

The Castle,

Yours faithfully. HALSBURY, House of Lords October 2.

#### Self-assessment

From Mr Martin Cutts

Sir, Attacks on the supposed lack of clarity of the tax self-assessment form (letter, October 9) are misplaced.

The form was thoroughly pre-tested by the Inland Revenue (letter, October 13) and is perhaps the best that could have been devised before evidence of its actual performance in use becomes available. Certainly the form follows most guidelines on plain language and good document design published in the last 20 years.

The real problems are that people dislike paying income tax and filling in forms, and that the last Government decided to make the switch to self-assessment. That switch was ostensibly to cut administrative costs. but merely shifted their burden to individual taxpayers.

We should not expect the form to do What generations of politicians and civil servants have yet to do - simplify the tax system. That the Revenue is

#### Church heritage

From Miss Fay Wilson-Rudd Sir, As one who has worked extensive-

ly throughout Somerset helping parishes to raise vast sums of money to restore many of our splendid buildings, I share the concerns of the Bishop of Norwich over the level of VAT such work attracts (letter, October 14). Thankfully, in June the European Parliament took the first steps to harmonise EU VAT rates, particularly

the proposed reduction in rates for repairs to historic buildings, which obviously include hundreds of churches. If the European Commission and subsequently the Council of Ministers ratify this decision our churches may benefit from a lower rate. I believe, however, that it is important that people let Government know

that this is their wish. Much of the success in Europe is attributed to the fact that many letters were received from campaigners in Norfolk and Suffolk. Perhaps a similar campaign directed to our own Government would achieve the desired result.

Yours sincerely. FAY WILSON-RUDD Resources Adviser. Diocese of Bath & Wells), The Old Deanery, Wells, Somerset.

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#### **True Brits** From Mrs Madeleine S.

Planen, Kirriemuir, Angus.

Sir, Magnus Linklater writes ("Who

resentment that as a Scot, "prepared for British exams", he was taught nothing at school of his native history. In 1942 and 1944 as part of my School and Higher Certificate history examinations I sat a special paper in Modern Irish History, headed "For St Anthony's Sunderland only". This subject was taught side by side with English history of the 18th and 19th centuries by an Irish nun whose rumbustious style both inspired and terri-

are the true Brits?", October 9) of his

I have often since wondered who, at Durham University, marked those fervently one-sided Irish answers with such objective generosity.

Many of us were the children or grandchildren of Irish immigrants whose families perhaps, like mine, had been deeply involved in the events of 1916 to 1921 and beyond.

Yet by the 1940s we regarded ourselves as British and I was proud to serve in the WRNS (though the dear nuns prayed daily that my soul at least would be saved).

MADELEINE S. CHARLESWORTH. Dobbie Garth, Ormathwaite, Keswick, Cumbria. October 10.

Yours etc.

#### New research into prostate cancer

From Mr Humphrey Burton

Sir, I read Dr Stuttaford's account (October 9) of his recent encounter with prostate cancer with particular

It was an article of his on February 20 which alerted me, in the very week when I learnt through a routine check that I was suffering from the same complaint, to the merits of treatments being developed in the United States but not available in the UK.

I spent several months exploring the possibilities before opting for brachytherapy, a technique pioneered in Seattle by the Urology Resource Cen-ter under Dr Haakon Ragde. It is more widely known as seed implanta-

Tiny radioactive seeds (over 100 in my case) are planted in the prostate after computer analysis of an ultra-sound scan has worked out the precise location of the cancer-affected areas in

More than 2,000 patients have received brachytherapy in Seattle over the past eight years. It is more accurate, and much less time-consuming, than conventional external radiation therapy, although unfortunately it can only be carried out when the cancer remains within the gland and has not spread into neighbouring organs or

The success rate is at least as good as that achieved by radical prostatectomies, with virtually none of the debilitating and sometimes long-term side-effects which often accompany

I spent only four hours in hospital. 've lost not a day's work, and my PSA blood-test reading was down to 1.2 from nine after only half of the 100 days during which the seeds remain radioactive.

My private health insurance would not pay for treatment outside the UK, but luckily I had the savings. Seattle told me I was the first Briton to receive this type of seed implant. Dr Stuttaford's readers will rejoice

that he has come through his operation with flying colours. He is certainly right to stress the importance for men of a certain age to have routine PSA check-ups, but I hope he will also agitate for urgent attention to be given in this country to the development of this new treatment.

Yours sincerely, HUMPHREY BURTON, 123 Oakwood Court, W14. October 9.

From Mr C. A. A. Kilmister

Sir, it was good to read of the successful and happy outcome of the operation performed by an expert uro-logical surgeon on Dr Thomas Stuttaford, but on the same page another article pointed out that research into the prostate is not a favourite object of charity, because the topic is an unlikely subject of polite conversation.

Happily many men are successfully treated. Yet because prostate cancer is the second most common cause of cancer death in men it is time to shake off the shyness and to tackle the lethal nature of this condition.

The conquest of prostatic disorders will become a reality only when re-search is adequately funded.

Yours faithfully, C. A. A. KILMISTER, Prostate Research Campaign UK. 36 The Drive, Northwood, Middlesex. October 9.

#### Green and healthy

Though I would have been happy to have been right my financial affairs are very simple and I decided to ask From Mr Andrew Butler

Sir, I was surprised to read of the Wycliffe College vegetarian scholar-ships — but not by the school's subsequent sporting prowess fletters, October 7 and 10; report, "Veggie scholarships left on shelf", October 14).

wardian's book. Yours sincerely. ANDREW BUTLER (UK Representative), People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, PO Box 3169.

Sir, Many years ago my son, a young subaltern in the army, was told that the best way to avoid wrath on losing expensive equipment was to send a message "Regret the loss of six waterbottles down a ravine".

water-bottles read tanks".

Furzetor. Samplord Spiney. Yelverton, Devon. October 13.





#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

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October 15: The Queen this morning opened and subsequently toured the Indo-British Trade Exhibition at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi.

This afternoon Her Majesy gave a Luncheon at the British High Commissioner's residence. The Queen later viewed an exhibition of Indian Art at the British Council and mer staff and students. Her Majesty afterwards visited the Delhi Brotherhood Society, Old Delhi, met volunteers and viewed

displays of charity work and

The Queen later laid a Wreath at the Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery. New Delhi, and met

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The Duke of Edinburgh this morribig flew to Ahmedabad.
His Royal Highness visited Gandhi Ashram and laid a Wreath.
The Duke of Edinburgh later
visited the Blind Men's Association.

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His Royal Highness this afternoon attended a Luncheon given by the Governor of Gujarat (Shri Krishan Pal Singh) at Raj Bhavan.

The Duke of Edinburgh afterwards laid Flowers at the Akshardam

Nonument. His Royal Highness later flew to Mumbai (Bombay).

The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended a Reception at the Residence of the Governor of Maha-

rashtra (Dr P C Alexander). **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** October 15: The Duke of York, Admiral Sea Cadet Corps, this morning visited the Swansea Detachment of the Corps at Swansea Marina and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of West Glamorgan (Mr Polyor Hearis)

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His Royal Highnese afterwards opened the new teaching block at Neath College. West Glamorgan.

The Duke of York this afternoon attended the Twenty Fifth Annual Scafarers' Service in Wales at Liandaff Cathodral. Cardiff. and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards RIME). **BUCKINGHAM PALACE** 

October 15: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, this morning attended a meeting of the Finance and Admin-istration Committee at Award House, St Manthew Street, London SWI.

Patron the National Autistic Society, this morning received Mr Paul Cannupon assuming his appointment as Chief Executive.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE

Her Soyal Highness, President, Save the Children Fund, later at-tended the Annual General Meeting for volunteers at Westminster Central Hall, London SWI.

October 15: The Princess Royal

Hall, London SWI.

The Princess Royal, Chancellor.
University of London, this aftermon
copened the new premises for the
School of Advanced Study. University of London, Senate House, Maler
Street, London WCI.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, United Kingdom Antarctic Heritage
Trust, accompanied by Captam
Timothy Laurence RN, attended a
fund-raising evening in aid of the
Trust and the Scott Polar Research
Institute at the Royal Geographical
Society, Kensington Gore, London
EWI.

STJAMES'S PALACE October 15: The Prince of Wales.
Patron. Association for Business
Sponsorship of the Arts, this evening
hosted a Performance. Dinner and
Dance at Buckingham Palace to
launch the Creative Forum for Cul-

ture and the Economy. KENSINGTON PALACE

October 15: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this evening at a Performance, Diner and Dance, held by The Prince of Wales at Buckingham Palace to launch the Creative Forum for Culture and the Economic ture and the Economy KENSINGTON PALACE

October Is: The Duke of Glowcester this afternoon presented the Royal British Legion's Awards at Drapers' Hall, Throgrocoton Avenue, London ECZ.

YORK HOUSE

ST JAMES'S PALACE October 15: The Duke of Kent this morning opened a Masonic Housing Estate at Clements Court, London-derry, and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of the County of Londonderry (Colonel Sir Michael McCorkell).

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#### Birthdays today

Mr Peter Bowles, actor, 61; Dr Stefan Buczacki, biologist, broad-caster and author, 52; Mr Max Bygraves, enterrainer, 75.

Miss Alison Chitty, theatre designer, 49; Sir Michael Forsyth, former MP, 43; Mr Paul Gallagher, trade unionist, 53; Mr John Grant, former MP. 65; Mr. Gunter Grass, writer. 70: Mr W.W. Grave, former Master, Fizwilliam College, Cambridge,

Terry Griffiths, spooker player, 50; Lieutenant-General Sir ohen Hayman-Joyce, 57: Miss Angela Lansbury, actress, 72; Sir Peter Large, honorary president Joint Committee on Mobility for Disabled People, 66: Lord Mac-donald of Gwaenysgor, 82: Lord MacLehose of Beoch, KT, 80: Mr Swart MacLeod, fashion designer,

Mr Hugh MacMillan, former Chief Constable, Northern Con-stabulary, 65; Mr J.W. Melbourn, banker, 60: the Most Rev Thomas Morris, Archbishop Emerirus of Cashel and Emly. 83: Miss Emma

Nicholson. (life peer) 56. The Rev Dr John Polkinghome. KBE. FRS. former President.

#### Royal engagements

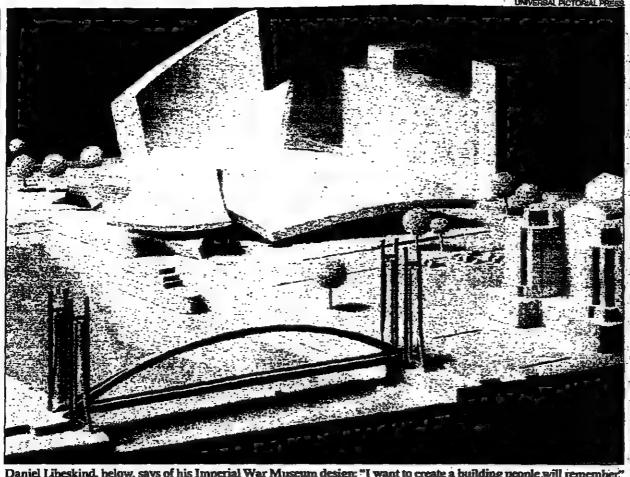
The Duke of York, as Patron, will attend a piano recital and reception in aid of the Commonwealth Society for the Deaf at St James's Palace at 7.00. The Princess Royal, as Patron, British Executive Service Over-

seas, will attend the annual meeting at the institute of Directors, 116 Pail Mall, London SWI at 10.00; will open the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals' new headquarters building, Woburn House, 20 Tavistock Square, London WCI at 2.15; as President, Save the Children Fund will attend the 35th industry and reception at Buckingham Palace at 4.00; and will stiend the dinner to commemorate the Battle of Campendown held by the Royal Navy Club of 1765 and 1785 in the Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn. 7,30. Princess Margaret, as President, will preside at the annual council meeting of the National Society for

the Prevention of Cruelty to Children at the Society's National Training Centre. Gilmour Close, Leicester at 11.55.

#### Latest wills

Professor David Keith-Lucas, of Emberton, Olney, Buckingham-shire, left estate valued at £647.167 Queens' College, Cambridge, 67: Mr William Webb, conductor, 50.



Daniel Libeskind, below, says of his Imperial War Museum design: "I want to create a building people will remember"



Legal

appointments

Mr Nigel Robin Cadbury has been

# Vast images of war

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BY MARCUS BINNEY

ONE of Europe's most controversial architects, Daniel Libeskind, has unveiled plans for a £40 million Imperial War Museum for the North. The building will take the form of three giant shards symbolising battles on land, sea and air.

Libeskind's plan for a tower at the Victoria and Albert Museum, likened to an "accident with a Rubric cube", were opposed by

English Heritage and the Royal Fine Art Commission. His Museum of the Holocaust in Berlin, shaped like a fork of lightning, attracted 200,000 visitors in Li months.

He said of the Manchester war museum: "I want to create a building that people will remember. The tallest shard will be a brightly illuminated projection tower, visible from Manchester United football ground and from the city centre itself."

#### Individual: Mrs Marjorie Brown. Alnwick. Thirty seven National commendation awards were also

appointed a Provincial Supendiary Magistrate for the West Yorkshire Commission Area based at Leeds Clover Club Magistrates' Court. Middle Temple The following have been elected

Mr B.G.D. Blair, QC, Mr G.R. Robertson, QC, and Mr N. Wil-kinson, QC. Appointment Atlantic Council

Mr Alan Lee Williams, Director of

the Atlantic Council of the UK. has

been appointed a vice-president of

the Atlantic Treaty Association.

Masters of the Bench of Middle Temple: Mr G.T.K. Boney, QC.

#### Luncheon

Tidy Britain Group

Sir Antony and Lady Acland presented The Queen Mother's Birthday Trophy to McDonald Restaurants at The Queen Mother's Birthday Awards luncheon held yesterday at the Park Lane Hotel. Sir David Trippier: Chair-man of the Tldy Britain Group, was the host. Premier awards were presented to:

presented to:
Company: Onyx (tirk): Statutory
Organisation: The Environment
Agency — Thames region: Local
Authoriny: Care for Coventry
Campaign; Media: The LancaShire Evening Telegraph: Enterprise: Shelland Amenity Trust:
Voluntary Organisation: The
Belgrave Residents: and
Neighbourhood Warch Association: Youth Group: Inham
Nook Youth Club, Chilwell:
School: Ragian School, Bromley;

Service reunion

Members of the Clover Club (8th Indian Division) and their ladies attended their annual reunion held vesterday at HM Tower of London. Mr Philip Brook pre-sided. Mr Tim Dodwell, president, was among those present.

#### Luncheon

Association of Foreign Affairs
Journalists

Chief Emelca Anyaoku, Commonwealth Secretary-General, was the guest of honour at a luncheon of the Association of Foreign Affairs Journalists held yesterdoy at Marl-borough House. Mr Jonathan Fryer, president, was in the chair.

#### Eton luncheon tiction Club

The Lyttelton Club luncheon was held yesterday at the Cavalry and Guards Club. The Marquess of Ailesbury, the Earl of Malmesbury. Lord Cornwallis, Mr J.C.L. Jenkinson and Mr B.N. Gibbs were among those present.

#### Service Dinner RN and RM

Washington DC, USA Commodore D.J. Anthony, MBF. by the Officers of the Royal Navy and Royal Marines serving in ton DC, was the host at a dinner held last night at the Marine Barracks, Washington DC to mark the 192nd Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. Admiral J.L. Johnson, USN. Chief of Naval

#### Reid, MP, Minister for the Armed Forces, also attended.

Dinners Royal College of Physicians Messor Sir John Grimley Evans delivered the Hervelan Orazion lo the Royal College of Physicians last night. Later. Professor George Alberti, president, with college officers and Fellows entertained

Operations, proposed the toast to the Immortal Memory. Dr John

their guests at a dinner to mark the Hurwan celebration. any of Tin Plate Workers

Mr Jeffrey Rose, Chairman of the Royal Automobile Club, was the st speaker at a court dinner of guest speaker as a court wanted the Company of Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers held last night at Ironmongers' Hall. Mr Henry G. Mutkin, Master, assisted by the Wardens, Mr William A. Warbey and Dr Beresford T.K. Barry, presided. During the evening the Master presented awards to students from the City University and the University of Wales. Among Others present were:

The Master of the Painter-Stainer Company, the Prime Warden of the Blacksmiths' Company, The Master of the Needlemakers' Company and the Master Cutler in

Music Therapy Charity The Governors, Vice-Presidents and others connected with the Music Therapy Charity gave a dinner last night at Brooks's to mark the retirement of Qr Peter Andry as Chairman and Mr Richard Crewdson as Deputy Chairman. Mr Adrian Barnes, chairman, presided, Professo Malcolm Troup also spoke.

#### Reception Prime Minister

The Prime Minister and Mrs Blaz were the hosts at a reception held last night at 10 Downing Street.

#### The Oratory School Society.

The annual Requiem Mass for Old Oratorians will take place at 6.30pm on Thursday, November 13, in the Little Oratory, Brompton London SW7. There will be refreshments after the service.

#### Company of Makers of Playing Cards

The following have been elected Master, Mr. P.D. Crabbe, Senior Warden, Mr A.H. Wilcon, Junior Warden, Mr G.H.E. Robson.

The Rev David Jenkins, Rector, Whitchurch (Lichfield) to

The Rev Norman Last, Priestin-Charge, Bradworthy (Exeteri to retire November 30. Prebendary Peter McGee, Priest-in-Charge, Woodbury (Exeter) to retire October 31. Canon Toby Salisbury, Vicar, Great Bedwyn, Little Bedwyn and Savernake Forest (Salisbury) to retire December 15. ...

# Forthcoming marriages

Mr LNA Bottoff and Miss V.C.O.S. Lawrie

The engagement is announced between Lawrence, son of Mr and Mrs Nayderi Botsoff, of Sofia. Bulgaria, and Victoria, cliest daughter of Mr Alex Lawrie and of Mrs Alexandra Lavy, of London.

Mr M.F. Broom-Smith and Miss K. Hughes

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#### Marriage

Mr T.J. Ingles Berkley-Matth

The marriage took place on Sat-urday, October 11, at The Chapel of All Saints, Wardour Castle, between Mr Timothy James Ingles, son of Mr and Mrs James Ingles, and Miss Charlotte Margaret Berkley-Matthews, daughter of Mr and Mrs John Berkley-Matthews. The Right Rev Mervyn Alexander, Bishop of Clifton, offici-ated, assisted by Father Richard Randolph, SJ.

The bride was attended by Emily Heaven, Camilla Heaven Betteridge was best man. .

#### Anniversaries |

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BIRTHS: King James II of Scot-land, reigned 1437-60, Holyrood, 1430; Albrecht Von Haller, hota-nist, anatomist and poet, Berne, 1708; Noah Webster, lexicog-conbert Mentions Comments. Paris, 1793: John Hunter, anatomist and surgeon, London, 1793; Joseph Strutt, antiquary, London, 1802: Henry Martyn, missionary, Tokat, Turkey, 1812; Sir Granville Bantock, composer, London, 1946; Liaquat Ali Khan, Ist Prime Minister of Pakistan 1947-51, assas-sinated, Rawaipindi, 1951; George Marshall, general, formulated Marshall Aid, Nobel Peace lapreare 1953, Washington, 1959. The House of Commons was burned down, 1834. The first aeroplane flight in England by Samuel Cody, at

Furnborough, 1908. German . war criminals were hanged at Nuremberg, 1946. Cardinal Karl Wojtyla, Archbishop of Cracow, became Pope as John Paul II, 1978.

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#### HAROLD ROBBINS

Harold Robbins, popular novelist, died in hospital in Palm Springs California, on October 14 aged 81. He was born in New York on May 21, 1916.

he godfather of the airport novel and one of the most successful practitioners of the genre, Harold Robbins wrought variations on that tantalising triad, sex, power and money, for nearly fifty years. The sex was always unashamedly macho, often cruel and frequently perfunctory. And it was to remain so in spite of the tendency of younger followers to acknowledge some change in the mores and politics of the bedroom/ pool-side/pooltable encounter.

Like the sex, the power was a sine qua non of the Robbins man. Losers, the sensitive, the compassionate had no real place in the Robbins vocabulary. If they trespassed for a moment, as in, say, Never Leave Me (cosy marriage threatened by third party who then considerately makes away with herself), they did so in a wholesome all-American way, which made no great waves; the Robbins mores reasserted themselves after a decent period of mild regret.

In a Robbins novel the money was perhaps the most convincingly struck note of the triad. Robbins had had it. lost it, then had it again. Even at the end of his life he still claimed to be writing to stay ahead of alimony claims and to pay the gigantic medical bills which were a concomitant of his failing.

Not that he was not utterly qualified to write about his other two chief subjects. His life bore a close relationship to his novels. He had partied on a monumental scale on vachts draped with beautiful (young) women; and he had taken business risks as breathtaking as any of his protagonists in their march towards power; But since he did not pretend to characterisation, these aspects of his books remained, essentially, fantasy elements.

Not so, the backdrop against which a Robbins novel was set. He wrote out of a background in which he had his own progress through life. Amyl nitrate and anal sex. which he had latterly injected into his books to bring them "up to speed", were not matters he had to swot up. In his rime he had popped, sniffed, injected and smoked most of the exotic substances in the pharmacopoeta, and in old age expressed puzzied surprise that modern society was "down on" them. As for homosexual activity, he had had personal experience while serving as a seaman in the US Navy. "Not my kind of thing," he was later to say in an interview, "but you don't have anything else to do. Besides, you're the smallest guy."

None of this extensive experience, of course, would have been of any avail without one priceless asset. And that was



the inescapable fact that Robbins could genuinely write. Indeed an early novel, A Stone for Danny Fisher (1955), a study of integrity and corrup-tion in the boxing world, was in danger of being taken seriously by literary critics. It actually smelt of the sweat of the prize ring, and captured a sense of a talented individual, striving to better himself, becoming submerged in a culture of bribes.

But Robbins was determined to write to live not live to write. He had no intention of starving in a Manhattan garret and waiting for a Pulitzer Prize to come his way. He took his subject matter upmarket and his prose style down: the undoubted sensitivities of Danny Fisher were replaced by the uncomplicated crudity of: "He had seen her before but never when his sense had strong-breasted animal cruelly, now he tightened his

fingers ... worshipfully she bent her head ... as the young Count Cesare Cardinali completes his first seduction in Stiletto, 1958). Indeed, sometimes, as in: "I felt her shudder and tremble under me, and a shrill scream came from her wings . . ." the language was equally, appropriate to aviation or the bedchamber.

The formula, with its selfflattering male fantasy, was a runaway success: The most famous single title, The Carpetbaggers (1961), has sold more than seven million copies to date. Never Love a Stranger, The Adventurers. The Inheritors, The Betsy, The Lonely Lady and, more recently, titles like The Pirahnas and The Raiders were all part of a

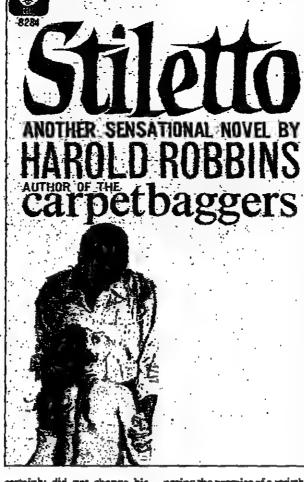


of more than three-quarters of million at the time of Robbins's death, and had been translated into 29 languages. Many of the books spawned films. Robbins could also claim to have spawned that school of writing (though he never did, remaining an unassuming man) which includes.

most notably, Jackie Collins, Danielle Steel, Jacqueline Susann and Judith Krantz.

arold Robbins's early life was to some extent a matter of interpretation by its protagonist. But it seems reasonably certain that he was born in New York City where, as a foundling, he was brought up in a Catholic orphanage. There, the Paulist fathers gave him the name, Francis Kane, which he was to of Never Love a Stranger. Hewas next farmed out to foster parents, a Jewish family by the name of Rubin, which, later modified to Robbins, he took. By his own account, in a family which offered him genuine affection and stability, he was somewhat wild. To supplement his pocket money he ran errands for prostitutes and a Jamaican drug dealer. It was his boast that he carried cocaine to Cole Porter.

firing of this life, he dropped out of high school and ran away from the Rubin home. Lying about his age, he enlisted in the US Navy. where he spent two years in submarines based on Pensacola. Florida. The enforced perled of homosexual activity this involved seems to have left no permanent scar on him and



certainly did not change his sexual orientation.

After being demobbed, he returned to New York where he worked as a snow-shoveller before getting a job as an inventory clerk for a grocery store chain. During the Depression years he showed entrepreneurial flair by trading in peas, corn and other crops on the side. Soon he was selling options to canning companies and this became a fulltime occupation.

He claimed that by the age of 20 he was a millionaire and owned his own aircraft. Butspeculation in sugar at the outbreak of the Second World War bankrupted him and in 1940 he took a \$27-a-week job as a shipping clerk at the warehouses of Universal Pictures in New York.

During the war he moved to Los Angeles with Universal director of film budgets and planning. The self-scripted Robbins mythology has it that one day in 1947 he bet Universal's head of production \$100 that he could write much better stories than those for which the studio was paying up to \$300,000 a time. The wager was accepted and Never Love a Stranger, closely modelled on his own experience of life in the Depression, was the result, Published in 1948, it won a warily respectful review

in the New York Times. The paper was much more enthosiastic, however, about A Stone for Danny Fisher (1951) which it hailed as a work of considerable literary merit. By this time Robbins was beginning to scant his work with Universal to get on with making a life in writing. Ignoring the promise of a strictly literary reputation held out by the notices for Danny Fisher, he embarked on what was to become The Carpetbaggers.

By this time, fed up with his absenteelsm, Universal gave him the sack. But The Carpet baggers was published in 1961 and his future was assured The novel, closely based on the life of the reclusive billionaire Howard Hughes, shot to the top of the bestseller lists. In 1964 it was made into a film starring George Peppard and Carroll Baker, it was the book which ever afterwards defined Robbins as an author. Thereafter, all paperback reissaes of earlier novels by Robbins styled him "author of The

Carpetbaggers".
With the success of the novel and film, Robbins was catapulted into the life of opulence he had dreamt of as a boy. A Cannes and a yacht in the Mediterranean followed close on each other. At le Cannet he met Picasso, to whom he gave Spanish translation of The Carpetbaggers, receiving in return a caricature of himself

The parties abound his yacht Gracara, named after his then wife Grace, were legendary. And when he returned to America and bought a house in Los Angeles a trisson of excitement ran through even that sensation-glutted town.

But he always complained that wealth had come too late. Almost fifty by the time he began to earn serious money, he was apt wistfully to wish he had been in possession of such riches in his prime. In 1982 he suffered a slight stroke which left him with aphasia, a condition of the brain which affected his ability to put thought into words.

Nevertheless he continued writing and marriage, in 1992, to his last wife, Jann, gave him a companion to help him with

his books.

All in all, he enjoyed a happy old age, with his wife, to whom he was devoted, entertaining his friends with stories robustly larded with the expletives and indecencies which he was renowned.

He is survived by Jann and by the two daughters of his previous marriage to Grace Palermo, which was dissolved. Exactly how many times he was married remained part of the Robbins sexual mythology. At one time he claimed five unions, but in reference books acknowledged only three; a first wife, Muriel Ling, predeceased him: a second marriage, to Lillian Machnivitz, was dissolved.

#### DR MACDONALD CRITCHLEY

Dr Macdonald Critchley, CBE, neurologist, died yesterday aged 97. He was born on February 2, 1900.

MACDONALD CRITCHLEY was a neurologist of international renown who upheld and continued the great tradi-tion of the National Hospital in London's Queen Square, The hospital's reputation - it is a Mecca for neurologists from around the world — was founded on the work of Hughlings Jackson and Sir William Gowers in the last century, and further developed by Sir Gordon Holmes and Sir Francis Walsh. Critchley was a worthy successor to these neurological cients of the part giants of the past,

His interests covered the whole field of his speciality, but two of what might be described as the neglected byways of neurology particularly attracted him. One was Huntingdon's chorea, that devastating form of incurable involuntary movement and dementia which creeps on insidiously in the fourth and fifth decades of life in some unfortunate families.

The other was dyslexia, the neglected form of difficulty in reading and writing that blights the lives of so many otherwise bright children; it is only in recent years that the condition has come to be recognised at all, a process in which Critchley played an outstanding part, for which he received the Sam T. Orton Award in 1974.

He was a gifted and ex-tremely popular lecturer and essayist, with a pleasing (if at times caustic) wit and a memorable turn of phrase. His lectures and essays were by no means confined to his speciality or clinical subjects. His wide-ranging mind was incapable of wearing blinkers, and the subjects in which he developed an interest included the Black Hole of Calcutta. Oscar Wilde, Samuel Johnson



and Napoleon III: to them all he brought a healthy streak of scepticism that made his audience or his readers sit up and

His long association with the Royal Navy — in the RNVR during the Second World War, and as consultant in neurology for many years was responsible for his brilliant lecture on Psychological Aspects of Shipwreck. Equally characteristic of his balanced, wide-ranging outlook were his studies of Medical Aspects of Boxing, and (with Dr R.A. Henson) Music and the Brain.

He lectured around the world, and was an honorary member of medical societies in five continents. From 1965 to 1973 he was president of the World Federation of Neurology, while at home he had served as president of the Association of British Neurologists, Master of the Wor-shipful Society of Apothecaries (an appointment which gave him particular pleasure) and Dean of the Institute of Neurology. For 16 years he was a member of the General Medical Council.

Macdonald Critchley was educated at the Christian Brothers College, Bristol, and at Bristol University, where he graduated with first class honours in 1922. In addition to his appointment as physician to the National Hospital, he was neurologist to King's College Hospital, which ensured that his gifts were available to undergraduates as well as postgraduates. The successful postgraduate teacher is often not a success with undergraduates, but Critchley was a notable exception. He was appointed CBE in 1962.

He is survived by his second wife and two sons of his first marriage, one of whom is Sir Julian Critchley, the former Conservative MP for Alder-

#### **DAVE MARR**

David Marr, golfer and golf commentator, died of cancer on October 5 aged 63. He was been on

December 27, 1933. tator, Dave Marr combined a shrewd brevity and humour with the technical expertise of a man who had played the game for a long time at the

highest level. On television in America and subsequently in Britain he was a fine foil to dominant commentators such as Johnny Miller on NBC, and the BBC's Peter Alliss. Alliss has suggested that Marr may have been more at

home commentating for the BBC than on American television, where commercial breaks and promotional work had to be included. "He enjoyed golf on this side of the Atlantic," Alliss said. "He would have liked the standard of hotels over here to have been higher, the weather a little warmer and the winds softer, but he enjoyed the extravagance of having time to speak. He knew he had time to finish his sentences."

David Marr was the son of a club professional in Hous-ton, Texas. He and his father both had short tempers, and the two of them never finished a round together, because one or other would lose his temper and walk off.

Marr was one of many professionals whose skills vere given a final polish by Claude Harmon, the legendary professional at the ed Foot Golf Club, north of Manhattan. Others who attended Harmon's finishing school included his own four sons, of whom Butch is now coaching Tiger Woods, and Davis Love II, the father of Davis Love III, who won the US PGA Championship at Winged Foot two months ago and represented America in the recent Ryder Cup.

assistant professional at Semilockers in the vaulted men's locker room. There he struck up a friendship with the late Ben Hogan, one of the greatest of all golfers, which he

Hogan would arrive at Seminole six weeks before the

treasured for the rest of his



Masters, and instruct his caddie to be ready at 10 o'clock each morning. He was so reliable, Marr said, that you could set your watch by him. "You would hear Ben's leet on the steps at 20 seconds to ten each morning. He would practise until noon, spending an hour hitting balls and one hour on his short game,"

Marr recalled his last lunch with Hogan, in Fort Worth. "I looked at Hogan and he said, 'God I miss tournament golf.' The hair on the back of my neck stood up. He was 79 at the time."

Marr won the US PGA Championship — one of pro-fessional golf's four major annual championships - in 1965. Being of slight physique,

As if one such mentor were he was competing against not luck enough. Marr then much stronger men, such as moved south to become an Jack Nicklaus, who could hit the ball much further. Marr. nole. Florida, where the had to make up for this with values of the game are as his accuracy and definess ingrained as the wood of the around and on the greens.

Although Marr won only three other events on the American tour, which could be described as disappointing, there was more to his life than goif. As his golfing career waxed, so did friendships with such nabobs of show business as Frank Sinatra and Bing Crosby. He was a regular at Manhattan restaurants and bars, so much so that the American golf writer Dan Jenkins nicknamed him "the pro from 52nd Street".

In 1981 Marr captained perhaps the greatest team ever to represent the US in a Ryder Cup. It included Lee Trevino, Johnny Miller, Nicklaus, Tom Watson, Ray Floyd and Tom Weiskopf; each of whom had won at least one major championship. Despite surprisingly trailing 42-32 at the end of the first day, the American team pulled away to triumph 184-94. It was the end of an era, for every Ryder Cup since then has been more evenly

matched. Marr's last assignment for NBC was at the Walker Cup at Quaker Ridge, New York State, last August. He cut a sad figure, seemingly even smaller and slighter than ever, but his obvious gauntness was offset by a dazzling smile that never wavered. After that he was too ill to work. Two weeks ago, after one of several spells in hospital, he fell and broke a hip. "I'm in worse shape now than I was before," he said. courageously. "When I saw my doctor he told me I was a mess. He was laughing at me. I tell you, I don't even get respect from my own doctors

any more." He leaves a widow, Tally. two sons and a daughter.

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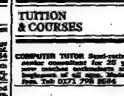
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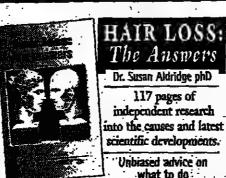
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BORSTAL. RECORD OF 21 YEARS' WORK. (FROM A CORRESPONDENT.) To-day, twenty-one years ago, as the daylight faded on the hills above Chatham, a

small group of lads handcuffed and chained as the manner was stood with their warders before the gates of the great convict prison of Borstal. Eyes looked at them through a grille. the great doors opened heavily and closed behind them and the Borstal System was born. A few cells were allotted to them, ill-lighted worse heated and in these and surrounded by the clang and rattle of the old system began the new experiment of segregation of young offenders from old under such discipline and moral influences and with such industrial and other instruction (to quote the Act) as would conduce to their reformation and the prevention of crime,
Time passed. Those warders who could only

bark were replaced by those who could and would talk to their charges: fatherly men some of them, with perhaps unruly lads o their own, others young and smart, with ideas of drill and gymnastics which terrified slackness and built muscle and fibre on ill-

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The Borstal system was inaugurated in 1902 to train young offenders to be law-abiding citizens. As this highly-coloured account explains, a severe regime was gradually replaced by a more humane one

developed frames. Presently the convicts were swept away and the growing colony of lads was left with a great prison to destroy and a great reformatory to build: dingy cells van-ished in clouds of dust, and the hands of lads now first learning to work built new halls, a gyromasia and workshops and laid out playgrounds and beds of flowers.

In the sixth year, Parliament took note of the results achieved . . . Borstal was declared to be a Borstal Institution, a place to which young offenders might be sent between the ages of io and 21, who appeared to be setting their faces towards a life of crime. The work grew — other

Borstals were needed. A reformatory at Feltham was taken over and adapted and, under stress of national poverty, the grim but splendidly placed buildings of the convict prison at Portland were cleared and dedicated to the work: the women's prison and reformatory at Aylesbury were handed over for the

These buildings, housing between them today about a thousand lads and a hundred girls, represent the reformation effort of the State in the case of young offenders . . Prison rules and methods have almost wholly vanished, and every year progress is made towards a method wholly educative, in which already punishment rarely consists in more than the compulsory exercise of unaccustomed muscles and the cultivation of unlearnt habits

of self-restraint and perseverance. The day's work is intentionally a long one, a preparation for a labourer's life outside . . . The day begins before six o'clock with a light meal, followed by physical training and a short service. Work occupies the time from eight o'clock to 12 and one o'clock to five. Tea follows, then an hour in school and a silent hour for reading and preparation. Forty minutes of games, indoors or out as weather and light dictate, are followed by supper and bed at 9.30.

#### NEWS

#### India snub for the Queen

Buckingham Palace scrambled to play down an apparent snub by the Indian Government when it forced the Queen to cancel, at short notice, a speech at a banquet in Madras.

The Palace insisted that the Queen had not been insulted and blamed a misunderstanding for a "minor mistake" in protocol. But the unprecented ban, during an already accident-prone state visit, plunged Anglo-Indian relations to their lowest level for years.

#### Star-spangled turnout for a McCartney

■ Stella McCartney revived the hippy-chic house of Chloé with her debut show for the French fashion label before a front row whose namecards represented a roll call of Sixties luminaries. Her parents Sir Paul and Linda McCartney, followed by Ringo Starr and his wife Barbara Bach were present .......Pages 1, 5

#### Fastest on Earth

Thrust SSC last night claimed an official land speed record as It again broke through the sound ..... Page J barrier ...

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Business leaders called on the Government to clarify its position on a single European currency after a spate of reports suggesting Britain was poised to enter EMU after the first wave...........Page 2

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Deborah Eappen, the mother of the baby allegedly shaken to death by Louise Woodward, told a tense courtroom in Cambridge. Massachussetts how a British au pair had rung her to say how he had "choked on vomit".....Page 3 Parents' appeal

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Deborah Parry, the nurse accused of murdering an Australian colleague, collapsed in her Saudi cell when told that her victim's brother had spared her the death penalty......

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A surgeon boasted about the success of his complicated heart operations on bables minutes after one had died, the General Medi-

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Magistrates' courts are to be given new powers to put teenage "bail bandits" as young as 12 behind bars, the Home Secretary . Page II

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A literary agent accused publishers of hyping minor books by a small circle of overrated authors to compete with similar ones by their rivals... ... Page 12

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The Romanian Government is contemplating a dramatic move to mark the eighth anniversary of the death of Nicolae Ceausescu, the dictator - opening the files of the dreaded secret police Page 13

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The centre of Colombo was shattered by a huge bomb blast, killing at least 11 people and injuring more than 150, including seven

#### Switzerland sued

A British man has lodged a claim for damages from the Swiss Government to compensate for the death of his parents, Jewish refugees who were turned back from Switzerland in 1942...... Page 16

#### Elton John 'tell all' could fetch £10m

Elton John has sparked off a bidding war among publishers by deciding to reveal all in his memoirs. An advance of between £8 million and £10 million is rumoured. The musician has always turned down previous offers to write about himself.At least two major British publishers were last night competing in an auction at the Frankfurt Book Fair



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Rugby union: Clive Woodward, the new coach, is getting down to the serious business of preparing England for a testing autumn programme ...

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Man may take his revenge by eating small squid cooked in their own ink but he still knows far less about giant squids than he does about

#### COLUMNS WILLIAM REES-MOGG

Just as there are still Angiophile Americans, there are also Americanophile English, Margaret Thatcher prominent among them. The two nations have always valued, or disliked, each other for different qualities. The great English cultural export has always been literature ... The great American cultural export has been the ... Page 20

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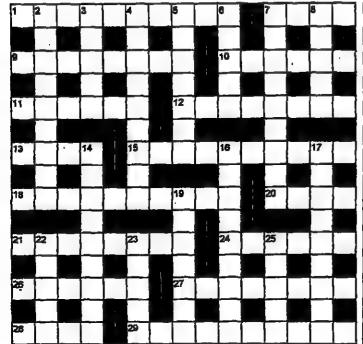
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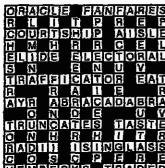
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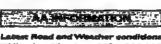
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ntral S England, E Midlands, W Midlands: rain, then cloud later. Some most and chizzle over the hills. A brisk southeast wind. Mex 17C (63F). U Channel Islaet mild and dry, despite chud and some mist. A brisk southwest wind Max 17C (63F).

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#### New bid for MCI could give BT way out

FROM OLIVER AUGUST IN NEW YORK

bid that could free BT from its controversial \$24 billion (£15 billion) alliance with MCl and stop an unwelcome \$30 billion takcover offer from

GTE, a large local shone and Internet service rovider, is to offer \$25 billion in cash for MCL Shares in GTE and MCI were suspended briefly in New York yesterday after rumours of the deal.

The news of the move came too late to affect trading on the London Stock Exchange, but BT is likely to get a boost from a GTE bid.

The new bid would allow BT to withdraw gracefully from its fraught attempt to take over MCI. BT also stands to gain a \$450 million severance payment and £3 billion from the sale of its 20 per cent stake in MCI.

BT's New York listed on the news of GTE's

lieved to be worth \$38 per share. WorldCom's offer is worth \$41 per share, but, unlike GTE, WorldCom is offering a share swap not

collapse WorldCom's volatile share price, based on a priceearnings ratio of 100, would quickly devalue the

GTE and WorldCom are direct competitors in the US local phone and Internet market GTE offers its services in 27 states in the American West and Mid-West.

GTE's bid, if successful, would be the biggest in corporate history. But analysts have voiced doubts about the ability of GTE to finance a large-scale cash

The board of GTE is believed to have held several meetings yesterday. including a final one to approve the bid. However, MCI declined to comment on the offer. Commentary,



The traditional face of the Post Office, exemplified by the Bramfield sub-office and village shop near Hertford, is changing rapidly

# Lloyds sets up banking deal with Post Office

AND RICHARD MILES

THE Post Office and Lloyds-TSB has struck a deal which paves the way for the Post Office to become a leading force in the delivery of high street financial services.

A trial to start soon in elected areas is expected to lead to all of clearing bank's customers being able to use their local post office as their bank. The deal follows a link with Co-operative Bank that started last year and arrangements already in place with Alliance & Leicester through its subsidiary Girobank. The Post Office, which is awaiting the results of a government. review into its future, is keen to extend such banking tie-ups with other banks.

Stuart Sweetman, managing director of Post Office's the retail arm. Post Office. Couters, said: Post offices are being transformed into the largest electronic retail network in Europe. By the millenmium every post office in the country, from the largest city office to the smallest village shop, will be on-line with a. computer system which will open up opportunities to develop new financial services." The link-up between the



Peter Ellwood, chief executive of Lloyds TSB, could cut back on more branches

bank and Post Office Counters " fices. This would allow Peter will initially allow Lloyds-TSB. customers to carry out a limited range of banking transactions at 20 local offices, including cash withdrawals

and paying in cheques.

Both sides hope the relationship will develop into a fullblown banking service, available to Lloyds-TSB's 15 million customers at any of the Post Office's 19,200 local of-

Ellwood; chief executive of Lloyds-TSB, to scale back further the bank's 2,700strong branch network.

Gordon Pell, Lloyd TSB's director of distribution, said: "Our strategy is to provide as many different points of access to our services as possible. For each of our branches there could be ten post offices in the surrounding area, many of which are open on Saturdays." But the Banking, Insurance & Finance Union was less up-

beat about the agreement.

saying it would lead to job

The bank has also struck a number of other partnership deals, most recently with Asda to provide an extended hours banking service. "Conventional branches will make way for alternative branches," said a

Counters, which serves 28 million customers a week, has been steadily expanding its financial services through fornational money transfer and limited insurance products. The operation has also increased its bill payment

Alliance & Leicester, which has enjoyed a long relationship with the Post Office through Girobank, said the Lloyds-TSB tie-up would not encroach on its terrority, and desribed it as a "tactical response" to branch closures in rural areas. Last year, Girobank accounted for more than 25 per cent of Alliance & Leicester's profits. Girobank is in the midst of renegotiating its contract with the Post Office.

Mr Sweetman said: "For banks and other organisations which need nationwide access for their customers. Post Office Counters can help provide

that network."

The Post Office has persistently pressed for greater commercial freedom to enable fullscale expansion such as take overs and to allow it to operate OVELSERS.

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#### **EU** gives green light to Guinness

merger By Dominic Walsh

GUINNESS and Grand Metropolitan's proposed £24 billion merger became a virtual certainty yesterday after the European Commission granted conditional approval to the drinks companies' deal.

The companies have been given the green light subject to the disposal of Guinness's Dewar's and Ainslie's Scotch whisky brands in Europe and a small number of changes to their distribution networks. They must comply within 15 months.

After the peace accord signed at the weekend with Bernard Arnault of LVMH. who had threatened to derail the merger, the last real hurdle is regulatory approval in the US. A decision is expected

within the next few days. Observers believe Dewar's, which sells 700,000 cases a year in Europe, may also provide the solution to the Federal Trade Commission's competition concerns, as it is one of America's bestselling Scotch brands. Such a requirement would mean GMG selling the Dewar's brand outright, making it more attractive to prospective pur-chasers such as Allied Domecq and Seagram It could furth 1400 million.

Although GMG had hoped to brands, the sale of Dewar's will still leave the combined group well-represented with J&B, Johnnie Walker and Bell's. It is understood that GMG had originally proposed selling a clutch of smaller brands such as VAT 69 and White Horse in addition to Ainslie's, whose main market is Belgium.

The other conditions are also less than onerous. In Belgium. they must give up distribution of Gilbey's gin and Wyborowa vodka, while in Greece they will cease to run the Bacardi agency. In Ireland, the EU has demanded the sale of minority stakes in two of the three main spirits distributors.

George Bull, chairman of GrandMet, and Tony Greener of Guinness welcomed the EU announcement as "a substantial step forward to achieving the creation of GMG Brands".

Analysts also reacted positively, suggesting that the conditions would cost GMG operating profits of no more than £20 million a year. Shares in GrandMet gained 26p and Guinness added 27p. Both closed at 625p.

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# WH Smith to reject

THE board of WH Smith, which met yesterday to consider revised takeover proposals from Tim Waterstone, is expected to issue a statement rejecting them by the end of the week

The company published Mr Waterstone's proposals yesterconsulted the Takeover Panel after details were leaked to the

WH Smith, which threw out Mr Waterstone's proposal a formight ago, is meeting shareholders in the next two days to offer its justifications and to indicate how Richard Handover, who has just taken over as chief executive, intends to lead the company.

Under the revised plan shareholders would receive between 150p and 200p for each WH Smith share, plus shares in a new holding company.

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## Fears of further rate rise recede

By ALASDAIR MURRAY AND PHILIP BASSETT

HOPES that the Bank of England will leave inferest rates on hold next month rose yesterday after new data showed a smaller than expected decline in unemployment and no acceleration in earn-

ings growth.
The minutes for the September monetary policy commit-tee meeting also showed that the Bank is becoming less concerned about the inflationary impact of windfall-fuelled consumer spending.
Unemployment fell by 21,800

in September to 1,467,600, or 5.2 per cent — the lowest level for 17 years. But the latest fall, the ninementh consecutive monthly drop, was below market expectations, while av-

erage earnings growth re-mained static at 4.5 per cent. Economists said the data provided some evidence that labour market activity is slowing. The separate Labour Force Survey showed quarterly unemployment declining by 40,000 — well below the rate seen in the previous quarter. The minutes of the September monetary meeting showed the monetary policy committee was unaminous in its decision not to raise rates last month. The committee concluded that economic data had been "mixed" since the previous rate rise in August and pointed to evidence that windfalls were posing a "smaller upside risk" to inflation than previ-

ously thought. But the committee, echoing comments made by Alan Greenspan in America, ex-

pressed concern that the continuing rise in stock market prices could pose a threat to the health of the economy.

Andrew Cates, UK economist at UBS, said: "While there remains a risk of a November rate rise, we believe sufficient evidence has now emerged that the economy is slowing."

But the more positive interest rate outlook in the UK did little to boost the stock market, which was sent lower by renewed fears of US rate rises.

Marcus 'sold with inside knowledge'

MARTIN MARCUS, the former deputy chairman of Queeus Moat Houses, sold £630,000 of QMH shares in 1993 when he realised the company's worsening financial situation would affect its annual results, the High Court was told yesterday. Mr Marcus, who with three other former directors is suing QMH for unfair dismissal, sold half his shareholding in the hotel group on February 5, the day before the closed period that preceded the scheduled publication of its 1992 results on April 7. Trading in QMH shares was

inded on April 1. Michael Burton QC, for QMH, alleged that although Mr Marcus had sold the LI

he had done so "hours if not minutes before the closed period started. Moreover, he had done so on the basis of inside knowledge of "several crucial pieces of information that were not at

that time known to the market". Mr Burton claimed Mr Marcus had been aware that 1992 profits would not reach the E80 million-£85 million he had led the market to expect; that there were serious problems with the QMH incentive management scheme; that the company's debts had been exacerbated by undisclosed sale and leaesback deals in Germany; that the company would breach its interest cover covenant and that a large proportion of the anticipated

ny's German Holiday Inn hotels.

At the time of the share sale, Mr Marcus told the Stock Exchange he needed the money for three reasons: to purchase a flat for his son, to pay for an operation for his wife and to finance the acquisition of shares in Harmony Leisure, of which he was a non-executive director. Mr Burton said Mr Marcus bought just £92,000 of Harmony shares, that he was merely looking for a flat, and that his wife's operation took place two

years later costing just £2,200. The four former directors, including John Bairstow, the company's founder, will put their case next week.

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#### New power structure at Lloyd's

By ADAM JONES

THE balance of power is to shift irrevocably at Lloyd's of London next year as wealthy individ-uals prepared to lose everything constitute a minority for the first time.

These unlimited-liability "names", whose num-bers have been dwindling since the ruinous losses of the late 1980s and early 1990s, will supply just 40 per cent of underwriting capacity in 1998. Lloyd's revealed yesterday.

Since 1994, money put up by companies and pooled stment funds has taken their place. Next year this "corporate capital" will supply 60 per cent of underwriting capacity. In 1997, it supplied only 44 per cent.

The 1998 figures may be revised slightly before the year starts. They will strengthen calls from corporate capital providers for a larger say in the society's affairs. Lloyd's projections suggest 2,800 traditional names will have resigned this year, leaving less than

# SIB plan to boost payout fund limit

By CAROLINE MERRELL

THE Securities and Investments Board, the chief City watchdog, is planning to double the annual limit for the Investors Compensation Scheme (ICS) to £200 million because of the soaring costs of compensating victims of personal pensions mis-selling. The ICS, the investors' sale-

ty net, has to pay the compen-sation bill for victims of financial advisers that have left the industry or become bankrupt.

Since it was set up nearly a decade ago it has paid a total of £120 million to 10,500 investors in 318 firms.

As revealed in The Times last month, regulators fear that the cost of compensating thousands who had been wrongly advised to leave company schemes in favour of taking out a personal pension could push the ICS beyond its annual limit of £100 million one year's claims could be greater than the total the ICS has paid out. According to the

Personal Investment Authority (PIA), the retail watchdog that is vetting compensation cases for the ICS, about 7,000 cases of possible mis-selling have been found. The PIA has a further 168,000 cases to analyse. The ICS estimated that at least 16,000 cases of mis-selling would have to be compensated for - the total costs of which could reach

£144 million. Andrew Winckler, SIB chief executive, said: "The current proposals are being made as a precautionary measure in the interests of investor protec-tion. We have highlighted that the current limit might need to be raised in light of ICS's extra case stemming from the pension review."

Ultimately, the costs of paying compensation under the ICS have to be borne by the financial services industry. Initially, it was predicted that the total bill would reach £4 billion, but some now believe it could hit £8 billion.



Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, is to appoint an independent assessor

#### Power inquiry launched

AN INQUIRY has been launched into the closure of coal-fired power station units that had sufficient capacity to provide electricity for nearly a million people (Christine Buckley

Stephen Littlechild, the electricity industry's regulator, is to appoint an independent assessor to advise him on decisions by National Power to close a unit at Willington and to mothball two sections at Tilbury and by PowerGen to shut a unit at Ferrybridge.

Professor Littlechild wants justification for the closures and wants the companies to offer the: operations for sale or lease.

The decisions by National Power and PowerGen, the two biggest generators, to close down the three units is a fresh blow for the coal industry, which is currently negotiating crucial contracts to take it into the next century,

The closures are timed for the end of March when coal contracts that were arranged by the

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#### Siemens and BNFL consider merger

SIEMENS and BNFL are in talks to fuse some of their nuclear operations in a joint venture with sales of more than £900

lear operations in a joint venture with sales of more than 1900 million. The two companies are looking at merging Siemens' nuclear services operation with BNFL's fuel production division. Talks could be concluded within months.

A joint venture would give both sides a stronger hand in fuel production and nuclear power plant servicing and comes as BNFL is poised to merge with its fellow state-owned energy group Magnox, which runs the older generation of nuclear stations. The deregulation of the world's electricity markets is increasing the pressure on nuclear power plant markets is increasing the pressure on nuclear power plant operators to reduce their costs and increase plant availability." John Taylor, chief executive of BNFL, said: "These talks aim to evaluate the possible benefits of a merger which could lead to winning new business whilst reducing costs and enhancing the services we provide to our existing customers." BNFL employs 2,300 in the UK in fuel production while Siemens' nuclear operations are centred in Germany. A merger is not expected to lead to job reductions, a spokeswoman for Siemens said.

#### Managers' morale low

MANAGERS complain of being constantly under pressure, often working more than 50 hours a week and feeling insecure in their job, a survey showed today. Almost two out of three surveyed by the Institute of Management said that their firm had been "restructured" in the past year, often leading to job insecurity and lower morale. Managers feel guilty about taking time off work when they are sick, according to the survey of 1,300 people, and junior and middle managers complained of being kept in the dark about their firms' plans.

#### Calor sells £10m stake

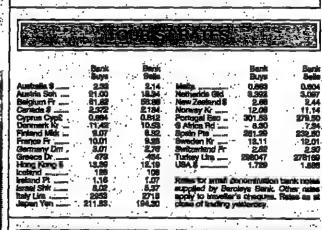
CALOR GAS has sold a 33.3 per cent stake in Calortex, the domestic market joint venture, in a deal worth about £10 million. Calor, which was bought earlier this year by the Dutch group SHV, sold the holding to Nuon, another Dutch group. It will retain a 16.7 per cent holding and said the sale did not imply a loss of confidence in the domestic gas market, which is opening to competition. The sale was signalled after SHV took over Calor when it said it wanted to focus operations.

#### Hyder in Chinese deal

HYDER, the Welsh multi-utility, has made a £7 million investment in The China Water Company. Hyder has bought a 20 per cent interest in the business, which was set up to seek out investment opportunities for water and waste-water projects in China. Such projects are financed mainly by the public sector. Graham Hawker, group chief executive of Hyder, said: This investment represents a strategic move forward in our commitment towards low-risk growth in the

#### Tradepoint chief named

TRADEPOINT, the electronic market set up to rival the London Stock Exchange, has appointed Nie Stuchfield as its new chief executive. Mr Stuchfield is chief operating officer of Barclays Global Investors, the asset management arm of Barclays. Tradepoint, which lost more than 66 million in its last financial year, is hoping that the London Stock Exchange's switch to electronic trading next Monday will boost its revenues. A recent deal enables investment banks to access the new LSE market and Tradepoint on the same screen.



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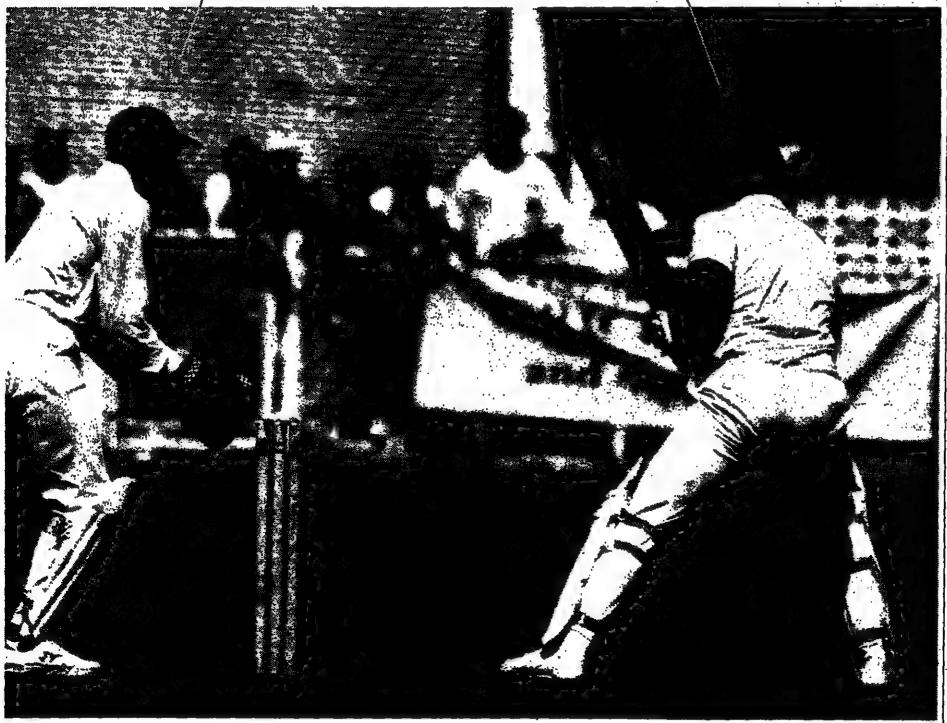


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eremy Hardie, the chairman of WH Smith, has graciously agreed that his board will

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that they will then feel equally

obliged to turn it down.
This will naturally be frustrat-

ing for Mr Waterstone and Ian

Martin, the Unigate chairman

who has lined up beside him. But why should Mr Hardie and his

colleagues come to any other conclusion? Since a keystone of

the Waterstone plan is the re-moval of the existing chairman, Mr Hardie could be forgiven for

chance to accept Waterstone's offer, they will first have to put

helty pressure on a board that

shareholders want the

being less than enthusiastic.

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consider the new takeover pro-posals from Tim Waterstone. Not all the directors may attend the crucial meeting in person: the problem with having high powered non-executives is that they tend to have heavy demands has proved relatively impervious to the needs of investors. Waterstone and his team insist on their time. Right now, Martin that the costs of a contested bid battle are beyond their means, so Taylor is occupied with extricating Barclays from BZW when he they will only proceed with an is not working out the ideal way offer if it is recommended by the for the Government to sort out Smith board. It would take more the tax and benefits muddle. than the usual muted moans of a Marjorie Scardino's priority is few disgruntled institutions to persuade Hardie & Co into such reshaping the Pearson group. No doubt both of them are deeply concerned about Smith's predictions of the state of the stat action. Instead, a charm offen-sive from WH Smith is being ament, but emergency board meetings might have to be conlaunched, to try and persuade those disgruntled institutions that all will be well now that Richard Handover, the long-serving insider who was recently hauled into the chief executive's their beautiful properties. Whatever the practical prob-lems, the WH Smith board will feel obliged to examine Mr Waterstone's offer. The betting is

chair, has taken control. Investors should be chary. It is doubtful whether even his best friends would describe Mr Handover as a man of vision, let alone a stylish retailer who can find WH Smith a raison d'etre for the next century.

Messrs Waterstone and Martin may not have the ideal solution for WH Smith - and who can blame them for being a little sketchy in spelling it out at this stage. Certainly a rather unfortunate impression of Mr Waterstone's motives and business acumen may have been given by his initial thoughts of a

#### **COMMENTARY** by our City Editor

Bring the board to book

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price tag of around £35 million for his infant Daisy and Tom business, which was rapidly reduced to just £9.7 million when institutions deemed the first try a trifle greedy. But Waterstone, with Warburg's backing, is making clear that there is potential to revitalise WH Smith. A change of leadership should be enough to achieve that, and it would be a poor reflection of investor power if a change of ownership was a prerequisite.

#### Time to take the money and run

ortune is smiling on BT. A cash offer for MCI is more than Sir Jain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield dare have hoped for as they pondered how they might wriggle free of their potentially ruinous liaison with MCI. Now they should take the money and scamper fast. Any

face by indicating a long-term strategic wish to continue to have an involvement with MCI need

to be buried rapidly.

The BT knights owe a great deal to WorldCom for striding onto the scene, challenging their own misplaced bid for MCI and putting the company at the centre of a tussle between US telecommunications giants.
WorldCom was offering only

paper, which posed a problem for BT. While the company has shot up the rankings, its valuation is based on hope and crossed fingers rather than reality. Even those optimistis who had been prepared to look on WorldCom benignly must have had second thoughts when the company proudly revealed Liam Strong as the new chief executive of its international division.

Mr Strong, who sprang to fame as a very successful marketing director at British Airways, announced that he had been impressed by the similarities between the airline business and telecommunications. Half a dozen years ago he told me he had noted similarities between the airline business and the retail industry. Thus he launched into a disastrous reign as chief exec-

utive of Sears.
WorldCom, with or without Mr
Strong's best endeavours, looked like a company that could crash as fast as it had risen. For BT, the prospect of swapping its stake in MCI for WorldCom paper or hanging onto a stake in a group controlled by the Americans was hardly an attractive option.

Cash, however, is always welcome. Sir Peter and Sir Iain should say thank you to GTE and look for partnership closer to home. The obvious deal is the one that came so close to fruition a few years ago: a merger with Cable & Wireless. The restructur-ing of C&W, with the hiving off of the UK cable business into CWC, makes for an almost perfect fit. It

scale it seeks with little in the way of monopoly to upset the regulators. If Sir Iain could sort out a deal with Dick Brown, the C&W boss, then he would be free to leave BT on a high note. The rumours still suggest that Sir lain, the son of a Post Office man, would still like to prove that he can carry a top job in a different field. This would be his chance.

#### Post Office delivers banking solution

B ank customers, anxious to pay money into an account or cash a cheque, will feel perfectly at home in the Post Office. The same queues, the same missing staff at empty windows, the same tendency to be shut when customers might like them to be open.

But the decision by Lloyds TSB to experiment with turning post office branches into mini branches of the bank should be viewed more positively. It is indicative of the thoughtful approach of Sir Brian Pitman and Peter Ellwood, who have eschewed ambitions to be a global investment banker to concentrate If the deal with the Post Office

proceeds, it will enable the bank to shed expensive properties at a much faster rate than it has done so far without penalising those customers who like to do simple banking transactions in person. For the rest, there will be more and better telephone banking. more automatic telling machines where they are most wanted and better staffed branches for more complicated transactions.

Sir Brian knows he must compete not just with his high street rivals but with the bank of Sainsbury, the bank of Tesco and goodness knows who else may soon be muscling in on his territory. The Post Office plan could give him an important edge in the battle. But he will have to insist on better staffing levels if customers are not to be driven elsewhere. Some supermarkets promise that if queues at the checkout go beyond two people, they will open more tills.

#### Howard's way

THE former famous undertaker. Howard Hodgson, is still seeking compensation from Ronson for his ousting from the company in June. The catalogue of criticisms levelled against his reign yesterday indicates that the company has no intention of paying. Losses of £5.3 million and an admission that the company is in a chaotic muddle provided an eloquent indication of why Mr Hodgson is

# Smiths changes focus as group sales top £1bn

SMITHS INDUSTRIES, the aircraft electronics and medical pumps group, signalled that it needs to pay more attention to lifting sales if it is to sustain its strong record of increasing profits.

The highly rated company has grown rapidly on the back of acquisitions and its ability to consistently improve its profits margins, Sir Roger Hurn, chairman, yesterday acknowledged Smiths would eventually hit a ceiling for margin improvement. He also suggested the group's medical

Scoot poised

for double

deal online

division, its most profitable business, may finally be facing some slippage in margins after acquiring control of Japan Medico, a lower-margin

problem, as such a high performing company, is to generate top-line [i.e. sales] growth with-out it being significantly at the expense of margin." Keith Butler-Wheelhouse, chief executive, said the biggest challenge was to continue finding sensibly priced deals.

Group sales rose 7 per cent

cludes £47.2 million of turnover from acquisitions made in the year to August 2. Smiths reported a 16 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £192.1 million, and a similar distribution business. Sir Roger said: "Our bignest.

improvement in earnings per share to 42.5p. This excludes £10.7 million of profits from property sales, although this was wiped out by the £11.2 million loss on the sale of an engine controls business to Lucas Varity. A final dividend of 11.7p will increase the total payout 10.2 per cent to 17.85p. Although the group im-

oved margins across it three divisions, the best performance came from aerospace, where profits rose 31 per cent to £59.3 million. Smiths expects to continue to benefit from the upturn in the aerospace industry.

Medical systems, the division worst hit by the strength of the pound, edged profits higher to E74.7 million (E73.1 million), and made a small improvement in the 24 per cent margin. Sir Roger said analysts had predicted a fall in the company's medical margins for as long as he could remember, but so far it had always achieved an increase. Referring to the Japan Medico deal, he said: "If we grow the business by going into distri-bution, then we could see a reduction in overall margins.

The industrial which includes Vent-Axia fans, raised profits from £49.7 million to £60.6 million,

## BBC Resources tunes into business needs

BY RAYMOND SNOODY MEDIA EDITOR

BBC RESOURCES, the technical and studios arm of the BBC, has been increasingly involved in making corporate videos and business television as part of its role as a separate trading

unit within the Corporation. The unit, which is expected to become a separate subsidiary of the BBC before the end of the financial year, is being encouraged to make the best use of space capacity, such as periods when

solicitors' body, and a video called The Wonder of Belfast for the Belfast Chamber of Commerce. BBC Resources has also made commercials for regional electricity companies.

Industrial companies are starting to notice although the BBC usually gets

Its corporate video work by word of mouth, or through other agencies or production companies.

Despite the move to outside work 80 per cent of Resources' work is still for the BBC. In the 1996-97 financial year it made a trading surplus of £15 million.



#### Bid approaches made to Etam

BY SARAH CUNNTNGHAM

SCOOT, the telephone information service formerly known as Freepages, is poised to set up joint ventures with Yahoo and Excite, two of the it ha been approached by biggest search engines on the potential bidders sent its share Internet (Chris Ayres writes). price leaping 28 per cent to a The move will make Scoot

yearly high of 140½ p.

The company is talking to more than one suitor and is one of the largest companies of its kind in the UK, and will discussing the possibility of an intensify its rivalry with Talking Pages and Yellow Pages, owned by BT, which have outsider taking a stake as well the possibility of a takeover. Stanley Lewis, chairman, their own web site. whose family company. Ocea-Scoot's deal with Excite was

signed yesterday, and an al-most identical agreement with na, has a 40 per cent stake, is Yahoo is expected next week. Yahoo and Excite are listed on the New York Stock Exchange. clothing retailer, as a buyer. with Scoot floated in London. The company was shunned The company also this week - during an attempted float three signed a deal with Vodaphone,

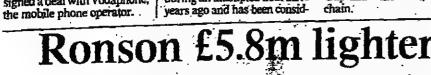
thought likely to try to sell the stake, if not the whole company. Analysts favour New Look, the privately-owned

AN ADMISSION yesterday by ering another attempt within Etam, the struggling high the next six months. By buying Etam it would be able to use the company's

listing as a way of reversing on to the stock market. New Look, founded by Tom Singh, has expanded rapidly in the past three years and compared with Etam's 216.

Etam's shares plunged in July after it issued the latest in a series of profit warnings. It said that its interim losses would be greater than expected because of disappointing trading in June.

Other possible buyers of Etam are thought to include two American retailers. The Gap and Nine West, the shoe



By Fraser-Nelson

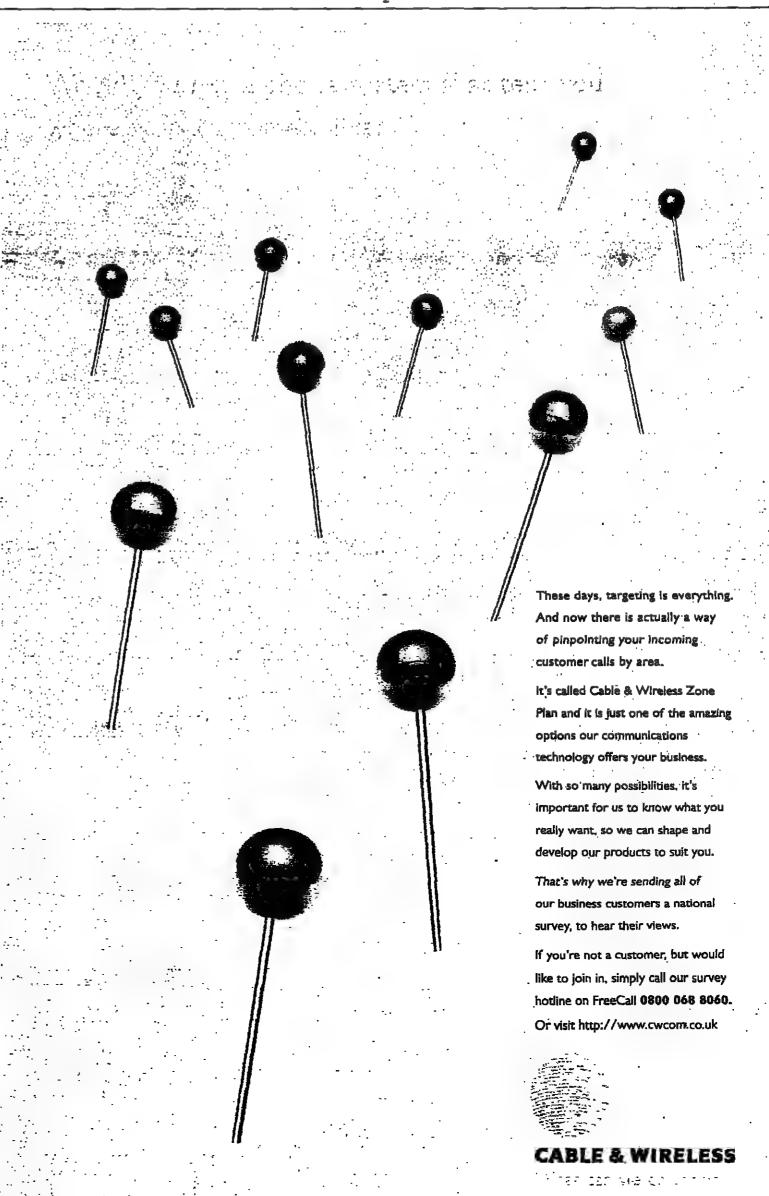
RONSON, the lighter-maker, has spent £2.8 million on an emergency refinancing package leaving a loss of £5.8 million at halfway. The company, which is fighting a £500,000

unfair dismissal claim from Howard Hodgson and Christine Pickles, its former directors, has written off £2.5 million of stock and bad debts in an attempt to turn itself around. It spent £230,000 on consultants to help it to

find a path to recovery during the half year.

dancy costs came to £300,000, on top of a £580,000 charge for uncollected debts and returned goods and a £620,000 stock provision. Simon Cowling, chairman, gave no further news about how takeover talks are developing. Mr Hodeson has said he is not the bidder, although he is known to have offered to buy the 17.7 per cent stake held by Albion Fund.

Losses per share sank to 5.88p, against earnings of 0.04p last time. The interim dividend was scrapped and none is expected at



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# Heavy turnover in shares raises questions at BICC

THEY say there is no smoke without fire and the heavy turnover in shares of BICC this past week suggests that something is afoot.

Yesterday the price touched 19712p before being ending the day just 4p better at 1861 ap as almost 2.5 million shares changed hands

A number of large lines of stock have been crossed during the past few days, including a parcel of one million shares, another of 800,000 and a further line of 750,000. Whispers within the Square

Mile suggest someone might be lining up a bid for the company. The name of company. The name of Wassall, the cash-rich industrial conglomerate, was mentioned, but this was quickly

Another story suggested BICC is about to dispose of its Balfour Beatty construction arm. This would certainly be a more credible explanation for the flurry of activity. It would provide the group with fresh cush resources. BICC has been under pressure in Italy. where its biggest customer has not been placing new orders.

City sentiment towards BICC has been continually eroded this year, with the price slumping from 293p to 14412p. Last year the price traded as

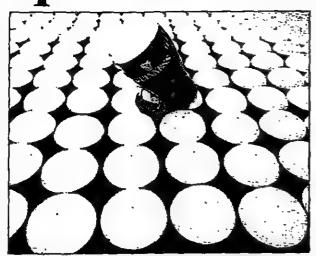
high as 352p.
The rest of the equity market came in for another bout of profit-taking during early trading, partly reflecting the overnight setback in Hong Kong. The slide continued as Wall Street kicked in with opening losses on the back of stronger than expected US retail sales and disappointing results from Intel.

The FTSE 100 index put in a late rally and halved earlier losses. The index eventually closed 35.2 down at 5,263.7.

News of the suspension of MCl in New York came too late to affect British Telecom. which ended lap firmer at

447p.
Oil shares finished off their lows of the day after suffering an early mark-down on the back of a weaker oil price overnight in New York. BP shed 512p at 91812p, and Shell

WH Smith came in for profit-taking, losing 412p at 402p. The board met yester-day to discuss the revised terms offered by Tim Waterstone's consortium for restructuring the troubled retailer. Waterstone has been forced to dilute the cash ele-



Guinness and GrandMet gained as merger progressed

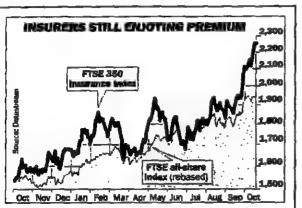
ment of the bid from 200p to between 150p and 200p. The proposals also outline a

The profits setback at Ferguson International left the shares nursing a fall of 3112p

at 118'2p.
Worries about a possible rise in interest rates overnight in Hong Kong dragged share prices sharply lower, with the Hang Seng tumbling 452

points to 13,384,24, also took its toll on those companies quoted in London with ties to the former colony. HSBC fell 421 ap to £19.47 and Cable &

Wireless 14p to 54512p. News of a number of bid approaches breathed fresh life into Etam, which saw its shares surge 31p to a new peak of 14012p. The women's wear retailer has struggled in recent years after a series of setbacks.



BROKERS got their wires crossed at Royal Sun Alli-ance as the price fell 132p to 631 2 p after briefly touching 6032p. One broker's forecasts were too optimistic and he was informed that the results may be affected by "significant property losses" in the third quarter. Other brokers warning, which the company quickly denied. By then the damage had been

Earlier this week, Charles Landa at Société Générale Strauss Turnbull. of RSA and into Commer down 36p at £11.21 is also on SocGen's "buy" list after it upgraded from a "hold" on

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cial Union, up 1p at 865p, because the thinks the group's European operations have significantly improved. General Accident.

Meanwhile, CU is being knight for Assurances Générales de France, which has been bid for by Italy's Brokers say Generali needs to improve the terms and

owns 40 per cent of the shares

through Oceana Group.
Hambros jumped 1212p to 246p on whispers that plans are under way to enhance shareholder value. The merchant bank has refused to comment. Earlier this year it got itself into hot water after backing the attempt by Andrew Regan and Lanica Trust to bid for the Co-op. Hambros Insurance, Hambros's publicly quoted offshoot, was un-

moved at 9812p.

Grand Metropolitan put on 16p at 025p and Genness 17p at 625p after agreeing to conditions laid down by the **European Commission before** their E24 billion merger will be allowed to proceed. GMG must sell its Euroepan interests in Dewars and Ainslies scotch whisky brands and comply with various distribu-

Bullough put on 812p at 113p as one director announced he had been buying shares in the company. Gor-don Bond, chief executive, has bought a total of 25,000 shares ay 107p. Bullough stands just 8p below its high for the year.

Solitaire, the property ser vices group, got off to a good start on AIM, ending at the best of the day with a premium of 3112p at 17912p.

Granada lost 1612p to 891p despite late whispers of an imminent disposal of the French motorway services business acquired as part of Forte. Autogrill, the Italian group, was cited as the likely buyer at a price of between £80 million and £90 million. ☐ GILT-EDGED: Shorter

dated issues outperformed the longer end, in spite of a stronger than expected rise in US retail sales during September, which unsettled US Treasury bonds. In futures, the December

series of the long gilt dropped E<sup>11</sup>32 to Ell<sup>95</sup>16 as the total number of contracts completed virtually doubled from the previous day to 91,000. Treasury 8 per cent 2015 was E716 lower at £1167az, while Treasury 8 per cent 2000

finished five ticks better at NEW YORK: Wall Street was lower at midday after technology shares suffered for long bond, shaken by strong ed to the blue-chip slide. By midday the Dow was 32.91 lower at 8.063.38.

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# Hons and rebels

STRIDING through the stately but crumbling home of the Hambros, Sir Chips Keswick is desperate to keep the marauding nouveau riche at bay. Regent, a rebel shareholder in Hong Kong could cause trouble — there is talk of requisitioning an extraordinary general meeting. But what is to be done? So much had feeling surrounds the bank, it could be worth less than its assets.

Sir Chips dearly wants an internal solution. Surely, that is what the City is all about networking, relationships. But outsiders keep interfering. Only a few weeks ago, he had to send a stern letter to some cheeky chaps called Fisher International with an eye on the bank's 51 per cent of Hambro Insurance Services. A cash and shares offer at no less than 129p, for a business twice their size; and apparently some of the institutions were rather keen.

Of course, Hambro Insurance has been a bit of a disappointment - the share price has been meandering downhill for almost two years and is still below El. Privately, one has to admit there is logic to the Fisher bid, creating the second largest firm of loss adjusters in Britain. But if Hambros bails out of insurance, where will it end? The family silver and Countrywide, the quoted estate agents will soon follow and the Hambros board will be left nannying a bunch of spottyfaced bankers. All is not lost, however. Hambros may be a shadow of its former self but it does have friends. Guardian Royal Exchange, for example. They have a stake in the bank and a stake in Countrywide, which sells their insurance. Could they be tempted to lend a hand? After all, Lord Hambro lunches in both boardrooms.

#### Smiths Inds

A BOUT of profit-taking followed the Smiths Indus-tries results but, after a threemonth price surge, it was only to be expected. Smiths industries shares had suffered from currency worries, forgetting that the company has more to worry about the dollar than the mark and the weaker pound sent Smiths

bounding ahead. Smiths has a superb record, but one or two concerns are beginning to creep in. Stripping out the contri-bution from last year's acquisitions, sales growth in the medical and industrial divisions combined is barely 3.5 per cent, even after adjusting for currencies. Smiths has for years defied the analysts who cautioned it could not continue to increase its medical margins, which now stand at 24 per cent. The

consolidation of Japan Medico, a lower margin distribution business in which Smiths has taken a 62 per cent stake, brings in sight the end of that particular game. The aerospace division

was the star performer last year. Profits rose thanks to the strong revival in aircraft building. This is set to con-

tinue, but production con-

Smiths own order flow. The City will worry that the new focus on sales growth will be at the expense of margins. Although Smiths' longerterm attractions remain undiminished, the shares

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er suppliers may slow down

currently look expensive on about 20 times next year's carnings.

# UNBOWED BY THE POUND

#### Tie Rack

WOULD you pay £500 for a Burton suit? Taking a brand upmarker is the most difficult trick a retailer can perform. Widening the brand franchise is easy — a simple matter of reducing prices. But Tie Rack's dilemma is that its business in the UK has reached a plateau and it needs a new angle to boost sales. Having trawled the cheap and cheerful and middle markets successfully, Tie Rack needs to convince those with fatter wallets that a bit of silk from Tie Rack will not consign the wearer to a

fashion netherworld. The answer could be in designer brands - a relativeiy easy option at its airport cludes a higher proportion of

were blamed on the strong pound. Tie Rack's ties do a

travelling to stores worldwide. Hence, the loss of margin as shops on the Continent buy stock priced in sterling. Assuming flat profits this year and 10 per cent growth next year. The Rack is looking DUSTREET Still, most of the damage is cheap. However, growth de-gends on new stores opening abroad and more retailing

Ferguson FERGUSON International is

forms that difficult trick.

risk unless Tie Rack per-

curious journey from manu-facture in Italy to central warehouse in Britain before

in a mess. Despite being the largest label manufacturer in Britain, profits are failing in the middle of the strongest retail recovery since the 1980s.

Ferguson managed to reduce its forecast profits from £10.8 million to £8.6 million. It is anyone's guess what treats the new chief executive will have in store for shareholders by Christmas. The problem has been one of management. Amid the angst surrounding the departure of its last boss, Ferguson made heavy use of consultants who, it seems, had little idea how to run a label-making

internal. Its top line sales declined by only 7 per cent still strong enough to remain top dog in its chosen markets. Contracts with Next, Marks & Spencer and Asda remain intact. Such a platform must he attractive to a venture capitalist interested in a troubled business with a good market share. In the meantime Stephen Gutteridge may well deliver the kickstart Feguson needs, but the new chief exec-

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# Improve our cars, don't ban them

Toyota Motor, the Japanese group that makes cars in Derbyshire, is about to launch a potentially revolutionary car. The Toyota Prius, due to go on sale in Japan in two months: time at the UK equivalent of about £14,000, claims to be the first mass car to combine an electric motor to travel in town with a petrol engine to give freedom of the road at speeds above 30 mile per hour. Some caution is called for. We

should establish urgently if the Prius works and really uses electric power in congested areas, rather than sporting an unused add-on. If so, it should be the star of this year's London Motor Show, environmental campaigners should be dancing in the streets and Cabinet ministers should combine all their influence to have this car made in Britain for domestic and continental markets within months rather than years.

Don't hold your breath. Excitement at the Motor Show centres on a track where enthusiasts can try out gas-guzzling off-road vehicles few are likely to need in real life. vital to help ordinary folk to find

equally irrational combination of disapproval and class privilege. The chattering classes, pausing over a brandy before they catch a taxi, agree that the great era of the car is over. You might as well pretend that the wheel had never been invented or, as Malyasia's Prime Minister did in a fraught moment, that financial speculation could be banned by regulation.

Cars are here to stay and to expand hugely in numbers as poor countries develop. Cars are a great liberator, for families to visit their cousins, for working women, for elderly folk otherwise stuck at home and for the underprivileged in urban estates who can taste the spiritual release of getting away into the countryside. In a society where, the Establishment consensus insists, jobs are transitory and factories come and go, cars are

work and survive. Transport is always a bane to those it passes. unless they profit from it. Last century, swaths of central London were degraded into slums by the intrusion of environmentally disastrous railways. Six years ago, bicycles were banned, as a dangerous menace, from the centre of Cambridge, where they had long been the model form of transport.

Cars exacerbate three distinct

accommodate growth in car use intelligently has also sent many town centres into a spiral of decline that planners perversely try to reverse by making incoming Market approaches are more fruitful. Pollution, which wreaks most harm to urban life, imposes costs on others that are not borne by the polluter, so governments

need to rebalance incentives. Even

problems: congestion, pollution and global warming. Failure to



EARJEANT modest market signals converted most of us to lead-free petrol. Promoting cars that use electric power in town could require

would help to market change. That supposes governments wish to deal with the real prob-

changes in licence fees, petrol tax,

even VAT. Toyota's Prius aims to

halve petrol consumption, which

politics elaborates old Labour's prejudice that public is good and private bad, even though public transport has been privatised. If pollution were the central concern. the priority would be to make buses cleaner, since that is much more easily done, and to question every brewery closure that multiplies ton-miles of transport. It isn't. The priority of an integrated transport system seems to be to make life hard for car-owners and push as many as possible onto buses and trains.

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How reactionary. Public trans port is better termed collective transport, it is economical only for journeys that lots of people do together. These consist mainly of moving from suburbs to big workplaces in the centre of towns, a huge but declining market; of longdistance transport between big centres; and short journeys within

public transport helps most to cut pollution and congestion, but there are few unhealthier occupations than waiting in bad weather after work for the privilege of straphanging among 50 people with colds. Commuter services are also aiready stretched at rush hour. Relatively few buses cover their overheads on commuter traffic alone: hence the old bangers churning out furnes the rest of the day, with hardly anyone in them.

Aside from new niches and technical advances, expanding public transport would expand the billions taxpayers pour into subsi-dies exponentially, not least for better staffing and security. Taxpayers would not volunteer, so the cost of private transport would be raised to give room for much higher charges. The net effect is merely to cut living standards, hardly a progressive policy aim.

emissions from cars in urban areas can be slashed, while allowing market forces and individual choice to cut costs and improve service. That would still leave the problems of global warming and congestion. The former is a tiny element in the key world dilemma of how to help billions of poor people in hot countries to improve their living standards without destroying the planet. It will not be solved on the streets of Islington. Congestion has always cost

money, but is automatically dealt with by market forces. If queues grow beyond the optimum length. people avoid them by shopping out of town or relocating businesses. Calls to ban inessential traffic or price low-income families off the road are attempts by the privileged to make other people suffer for their convenience.

if transport planning is to make economic sense, it must encourage higher living standards, make room for people's aspirations and revel in firms making money out

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dependent upon the severity of the misdemeanour. So in the lesser cases of non-compliance

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Being disqualified for lesser

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Even after the term of disqualification has expired.

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part to deal with those hell-

bent on making money re-

gardless of legislation.

Yours faithfully, ROGER REEVES,

Moss House.

Maipas, Cheshire.

years disqualification turns

out to be a life sentence!

# Euro just one front for America in a united states of Europe



**AMERICAN AGENDA** BRONWEN MADDOX

The way we see it. America has had to win four wars for Europe this century: the First World War, the Second World War, the Cold War and Bosnia. This was how an Administration official put the American attitude to Europe. "There is a feeling that Europeans have difficulty getting along with each other and there is by now a bit of exasperation over here, a feeling that it should now be up to Europe to reach some kind of nternal stability."

That sentiment goes some way to explain the United States's curious position on the euro. The Administration wants it to happen, that much is clear. But it has been politely agnostic on the economic virtues or failings of the project.

Indeed, some parts of the Administration, and on occasion the President, appear to have politicised the issue to the point where they regard it primarily as diplomatic glue for a fractured continent. The danger is that they are ignoring the complexity of the economic problems that may follow, and the United States's. foreign policy towards Europe is resting on a distorted foundation.

Until this summer the Administration, Congress and the American media seemed to find it hard to take European monetary union seriously. But as the New York Times recenty commented, somewhere along the line "it stopped being a joke". But if the quips have given way to a serious consideration, the judgment remains

a puzzie. Throughout Europe's years of wrangling over EMU, the Administration's star has remained carefully reserved, it has never entered into a debate about whether the and unstable currency in its project is desirable for Europe early years" and that it would



Madeleine Albright is committed to the expansion of Nato, which dominates the US's European policy

or its trading partners. "It's the business," has been the start-

That tone has clearly been articulated by Larry Summers, Deputy General Secre-tary to the US Treasury, and the architect of much of America's international economic policy. In part that sanguine stance is based on the belief that the euro does not pose any immediate threat to the dol lar's role in the international

During a speech in May, the first time that a senior Admin-istration official had addressed the subject, Mr Summers said that the euro was unlikely to replace the dollar any time soon as the world's leading reserve currency. He was more tactful than the Chinese Government, which last week said that it expected the euro to be a "soft

keep its foreign exchange reserves in dollars, but he made

Since May Mr Summers has spelt out several times the Administration's two main concerns about the project: that it be a strong currency, not jeopardising America's trade balance with Europe and that Europe make rapid progress in reforming its tax structures and labour markets. Without that progress, the US fears that European growth will be sluggish, restraining the market for American exports.

uropean countries. as much as Japan, were annoyed at the Denver Summit of the Eight in May when Mr Summers lectured them that flexible and dynamic economy" and that other countries "have things to learn from us". But clearly he is right to point out that Europe has neglected crucial reforms for decades and to suggest that EMU may provide a seductive distraction from making those changes. Those in Europe who assume that EMU itself will prompt these reforms, even where the pressure to meet the criteria for joining did not, are surely too optimistic.

All the same, there is something odd about the Administration's stance, which amounts to saying "it will be a good thing, if it works". As it acknowledges, the project may fall a long way short of the version that would best suit the US either in being a weak currency or in failing to pro-

vide a catalyst for reform. Yet the tone remains sanguine; the concerns are not pressed home with particular urgency or weight, despite the high chance - probability, some would say - that they

will not be met. The reticence is curious. The US is, after all, not shy about voicing its objections to the details of other countries' economic policies, notably the level of the yen. It is not, come to that. hesitant in telling Europe how to arrange its political affairs: it has pressed repeatedly this year for the European Union to expand eastward, to accompany the similar expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty

Organisation. Part of the answer to the puzzle lies in the President's own instinctive support for EMU: as he has made clear on this week's tour of Latin America, he has developed a conviction of the value of the economic ties that bind nations together. Somewhat to his surprise, the promotion of international trade is emerging as one of his strongest legacies, if only because cher-ished domestic projects have been frustrated by the Repub-lican-controlled Congress. The value of economic linkages in promoting peace and stability has become one of his favourite themes.

In terms of policy towards Europe, his beliefs have bolstered the current views of some of his officials, captured in the sentiment at the start of this piece. In line with Mr Clinton's internationalist instincts, the Administration has emphatically rejected the isolationist view so ofter heard on Capitol Hill - the view that the US can no longer afford to intervene in other continents. But there is still a detectable note, particularly in the State Department, that the US would be happy to see Europe edge closer to something resembling "the United States of Europe"

n this view, EMU is just one of three strands tying Europe more closely together, along with Nato expansion and the mooted widening of the EU. Judging by the attention given to the question by senior Administration officials, it often seems the neglected one. It is the Nato expansion that

currently dominates the US's European policy. That is perhaps unsurprising, given the personal commitment to the project of Madeleine Albright. Secretary of State, and Deputy Sectretary Strobe Talbott, as well as the US's direct interests. But it is also the simplest of the three negotiations, given the length of time Nato has been in existence. In comparison, the US appears guilty of wilful simplification in urging the US to expand at the same time. The costs of EU expansion on the richer countries, the political problems of presenting these to taxpayers, the impact on the intricate internal cross-subsidies, all dwarf in complexity the issues involved in expanding the de-

fence umbrella. In these three areas -EMU, the EU and Nato - the Administration seems guilty of sometimes treating as political questions what are primarily matters of economics. trade and defence. Clearly, the Administration's job is simpler the more it can treat Europe as one bloc. But that approach is a recipe for misunderstanding and disillu-sionment if the give fails to

#### **BUSINESS LETTERS**

#### Not all disqualified directors are rogues A disqualification order is

Tecred.

From Mr Roger Reeves directors disqualified last year. mentioned in your article of October 7, and from my own experiences I believe the system requires radical overhaul as to the merits of adjudication.

Yes, I would say that, wouldn't I? However, as regards the stigma surrounding disqualification, all are tarred with the same brush as being dishonest and fraudulent, regardless of the level of severity of the reasons for disqualification. Even the Trade Minister, Nigel Griffiths, is reported as using the generalisation of unscrupulous and dishonest directors".

Admittedly, many directors go out of their way to be rogues and force their devious plans on unsuspecting customers and creditors. But many (if not the majority disqualified) are caught up in the maelstrom of complicated bureaucracy surrounding the Companies Act and are banished from the boardroom by being seen as administratively complacent or by being sufficiently uneducated in the liner points of directors' responsibilities, with their actions (or lack of them), however, not significantly contributing to a company's commercial performance or duties to shareholders, creditors or customers.

Additionally, many are dibusinesses, being majority shareholders and beneficiaries of their own success, where the Act only serves as a textbook model in how to run the size of organisation that they never even aspire to.

The argument is often cited that if they desire to have the benefits of limited liability. then they must play by the rules: rules applicable to both league and club. Fine, but not many clubs have access to trainers and management skills which are available to the league players.

#### Source of income? From Mr Keith Sanderson

Sir, Following the recent at-tack by Ian Byatt, the Direc-tor-General of Ofwat, on the level of dividend payments by the water companies, perhaps I could shed some light on their sources of income.

My sister recently moved into a new house in Nottingham and has a water meter for the first time. She has just received her first water bill for £3,665.

She tells me that the water company has agreed to investigate, as "it appears that there may be a leak somewhere".

Yours faithfully, KEITH SANDERSON, 14 Bowgreave Drive, Garstang,

Lancashire.

From Mr Ian S.O. Williams Sir, Mr Bill Harrison of BZW is paid a guaranteed minimum bonus of £1.25 million and a salary of £300,000. Can someone explain the difference between salary and guaranteed honus?

Mr Harrison, it would appear, is to receive a very substantial payoff from BZW even though he is unlikely to remain unemployed for very long. If Mr Harrison does get fixed up elsewhere within a month or two, the clear implication is that the normal rules on mitigation of loss will not be applied to Mr Harrison. Will an explanation for such a waiver be given to Barclays shareholders? Yours faithfully, IAN S.O. WILLIAMS,

# Oily Sensation

TO THE institute of Contemporary Art next Tuesday when five newly commissioned "works of art" will be unveiled by an organisation not known in the past for its artistic temperament, the soapsuds to spot treatment giant Procter & Gamble. Saatchi & Saatchi, P&G's ad agency, has commissioned five artists whose works will feature in a £20 million campaign for Oil of Ulay, the antiageing cream, attempting to dissipate its old fuddy duddy image.

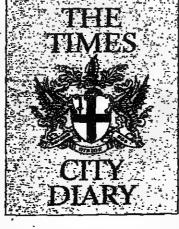


Alan Sugar: "He has ability, but seems afraid to use it

I am particularly looking forward to the ad from Tracey Emin, which apparently will feature a pink neon sign flashing the message "Fantastic to feel beautiful". After all, is not Ms Emin the artist avidly backed by Charles Saatchi, who is not exactly a friend of Saatchi & Saatchi, having resigned from the agency he founded in protest at the firing of his brother, Maurice. Ms Emin currently features in the Royal Academy's Sensation exhibition with a tent on which is written the names of every man with whom she has enjoyed friendly relations. I trust this will feature in the new Persil adverts.

#### Report card

IF YOU can't get to the ICA on Tuesday then at least a trip to Hackney Community College in East London on Wednesday. Alan Sugar, a former pupil, will be making the first stop in his Treasury-sponsored 12-date tour of educational establishments to encourage young people to start their own businesses. The college has unearthed a 1960 report card which says about the future Amstrad and Tottenharn Hotspur boss! "Alan can do better than this. He has ability, but seems afraid to use it."



has not been backward in approaching a whole host of business associates to join him in talking to schools. One surprise success has been with David Potter, the chairman of Psion, who you will remember called off merger talks with Amstrad this time last year.

I AM eagerly awaiting the results of the Retail Week awards, which include Electronic Retail Initiative of the Year, Supply Chain Initiative of the Year and the Customer Satisfaction Excellence Award. On the panel of judges is one person who can be pretty sure she won't be troubled by conflicts of interest because her com-Being afraid is not something Sug-ar is usually accused of, Indeed, he. Ann Iverson of Laura Ashley.

#### Flight-free

TOMORROW'S launch of Virgin Bank will be strangely low key. Because, unusually for anything associated with Richard Branson, there will not be a competition to give away free flights on Virgin Atlantic. Why can this be? Was there a lack of space on the planes? Was it felt the bank did not need it? Or perhaps the Royal Bank of Scotland objected to the Virgin promotion. Whatever, I hear there have been some interesting behindthe-scenes discussions between the bearded one and his Scottish

ON THE move again in Nigel Hawkins, the former Hoare Govett utilities guru who has been putting pen to paper at Yamaichi Securities. Yamaichi is "downsizing" in London and Hawkins is shifting to rival broker Williams de Broe. Hawkins is an avowed Tory who once stood against Tony Blair. Seeing that this may not help his prospects for government leaks on plans for privatised utilities. Hawkins recenity started following the football sector.

#### Band backer

A HEARTFELT thank you must be given to Christopher Rodrigues, the boss of the avowedly mutual Bradford & Bingley Building Society, who has I'm only a seasonal adjustment"

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been persuaded to divert some of his members' money towards helping the venerable Yorkshire institution, the Black Dyke Mill Brass Band. Though it was never a chart-topper, like its arch rival the Brighouse & Raistrick, the Black Dyke Band is famous the world over for its distinctive brand of music, which featured in the film Brassed Off. A week today will see the Black Dyke Band playing in the building society's home town of Bingley, appearing at the Bingley Baptist Church. The band should be keved up. They play a gala concert at the Albert Hall this weekend.



"I used to be unemployed. Now

#### WDA respects limits on assistance for investors

From the Chairman, Welsh Developmen! Agency Sir, There have been several articles and letters recently in the press suggesting that the Welsh Development Agency had "gazumped" other regional agencies and so unfairly attracted inward investment to Wales. I would like to make

three things absolutely clear. First, there are agreed limits on the amount of assistance that can be given, which varies from area to area, reflecting European and UK regional policies. Secondly, the WDA has always and will always scrupulously respect those limits. Thirdly, in our experience investors make their choice of location on a wide variety of factors, which in-

dude the quality, productivity and flexibility of the work-force, the infrastructure and the ability of the various bodies concerned to meet their I deeply regret the misinfor-

mation which appears to have been circulated about this matter and which is most unhelpful to the inward investment efforts of the United Kingdom as a whole. If Wales has proved attractive to investors it is for the wider range of factors I have referred to. Yours faithfully, DAVID S. ROWE-BEDDOE, Chairman, Welsh Development Agency. Principality House,

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**Business** 

channels

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By Our Media Editor

EUROPE'S two 24-hour busi ness relevision channels. CNBC Europe and European

Business News, are close to a

merger because of the difficul-ties of establishing a pan-Eu-ropean business TV business. Both services, which oper-ate out of London, are be-

lieved to be heavy loss-makers. EBN is a joint venture between the Dow Jones organisation and Flex-tech, the cable and satellite!

channel group. CNBC is a wholly owned subsidiary of

The aim is to try to complete a global deal between the two

companies, which would in-clude the Dow Jones tele-

vision network in the Far East, Asia Business News, by

the middle of next month.

The CNBC name would

survive the planned merger. It is likely that in Europe a lot of

EBN's programme making capability would survive. It is less clear what would happen to FT TV. part of Pearson Television, which supplies the morning segment of CNBC's European output.

As a 30 per cent shareholder in EBN, Flextech would have

s blocking vote in any deal.

**Flotation** 

to make

chief £3.8m

MARLBOROUGH Interna-

tional Ireland's largest re-cruitment firm, said David McKenna, its managing di-rector, will make £3.85 million

NBC, the US TV network.

# New chief named at Hongkong Telecom

BY RAYMOND SNODDY, MEDIA EDITOR

DICK BROWN, chief executive of Cable & Wireless, has been appointed chairman of Hongkong Telecommunications as part of the Londonbased international group's campaign to develop its business relationship with China.

After the handover of Hong Kong it was felt appropriate to have the top C&W executive as chairman of Hongkong Telecom. As a result, Brian Smith, who became chairman of Cable & Wireless and Hongkong Telecom in November 1995 after the departure of Lord Young of Graffham. will stand down from the

#### Retailer's property warning

By OUR BUSINESS STAFF

THE commercial property market is in danger of sliding back into recession because of overdevelopment of shopping centres, according to Arnold Ziff, chairman of Stylo, the

shoe retailer.

Mr Ziff told a meeting of the National Association of Estate Agents yesterday: The recession that the world property through in 1987 is fast approaching simply because of the tremendous amount of shopping centre developments that are tak-

ing place." He said Britain was in danger of becoming "truly over-shopped". Also head of Town Centre Securities. the property group. Mr Ziff said that oversupply would lead to a downturn in business for developers. whose "extreme disappointment" would be shared by "institutions who invest their funds heavily in property".



executive directors have been appointed. One is Li Ping. vice-chairman and chief operating officer of China Telecom (Hong Kong), a cellular services provider in two regions of China. In June, China's Ministry of Posts and Telecommunications, ultimate parent of China Telecom (Hong Kong) took a 5.5 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom, Hong Kong's only full-service telecommunica-So far there has been no

board representation for a unit of China Everbright Holdings, controlled by Chi-na's State Council, which has na \$ State Council, which has a 7.74 per cent stake in Hongkong Telecom. Linus Cheung, Hongkong Telecom chief executive, said yesterday that in future the structure and composition of the board would be reviewed regularly and there might be either additions or deletions.

Cable & Wireless already has a number of joint projects in China including a marine cable laying operation. But at the moment foreign com-panies are prevented from taking equity stakes in Chi-nese telecommunications organisations.

This rule was recently waived to allow an international placement of shares as part of the flotation of China Telecom (Hong Kong). The international placement was believed to have been 20 times subscribed by Tuesday's dead-line for applications by institu-Dealing in American depos-

are scheduled to start in New York on October 22 and in Hong Kong the next day.

Cable & Wireless would be interested in taking equity stakes in Chinese telecommunications if the rules are changed to allow it.

itory shares of China Telecom



Hands on: Dick Brown will aim to develop the company's business relationship with China

# Advertisements appeal to a captive audience

By Raymond Snoddy, media editor

AN ADVERTISING company has discovered a fertile new arena for its advertisements on the back of toilet cubicle doors and at eye level on urinal walls.

The adverts have been

launched this week in the

lavatories of shopping centres and motorway service areas. Loaded, the young men's magazine, features heavily in the new EyeSite adverts in male lavatories: Aristoc Hosiery in female washrooms; and Johnson & Johnson in baby changing areas in shopping centres and motorway

"They do hit you, You can't avoid them," said Andy Wigmore for Admedia, which was set up in 1995 to explore new forms of advertising. The

company called in Aric Sigman, a consultant psychologist, to identify new advertising opportunities.

Dr Sigman realised that the ideal environment to stimulate purchasing would be one where consumers were in "a retail state of mind" but where there was also sensory deprivation. He ruled out the pub as an advertising location because people were not bared, possibly not sober and were hardly in a retail frame of mind. Cinema advertising is directed at an audience sitting in the dark who cannot move to buy any of the things.

The search led to the rest rooms of shopping centres and the backs of cubicle doors where people will read anything, even the most unfunm graffiti, and they are often in the middle of a two or three-

national advertising packages in 160 of the biggest and busiest shopping centres, where it estimates 102 million male impacts --- one male seeing one ad - a year, and 193 million female impacts.

hour shopping expedition.

Research suggests that between 82 per cent and 95 per cent of visitors to motorway service stations use the washrooms. Admedia believes that to add up to more than 228 million male impacts and 211 million impacts a year. National campaigns ready booked on EyeSite in-

clude: Lipcote Cosmetics and

Acclaim Computer Software.

through its planned flotation in London and Dublin.

Mr McKenna bought the business name in liquidation in 1992 for IrE6,000. The group is due to float on the Alternative Investment Market in London and the developing companies market in Dublin. After the float Mr McKerma will hold a 52.95

per cent stake in the group. The group said it plans to issue 10,416,666 ordinary shares at 96 Irish pence (86.5p) each to raise Ir£9.41 million (£8.84 million), net of ex-penses. Of this, the group will receive £4.99 million and Mr and Mrs McKenna the remaining £3.85 million.

#### Lasmo funds project through debentures

LASMO, the oil and gas exploration company, may sell \$600 million (£372 million) in guaranteed debentures, which will be million (E372 million) in guaranteed dependings, which will be used mainly to fund the company's entry into Venezuela for a field redevelopment project. Lasmo will file a preliminary prospectus supplement with the US Securities & Exchange Commission for the possible sale of the debentures, which are expected to be in two tranches of 20 and 40-year maturity.

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Lasmo said exploration activity over the 70 per cent of the Dacion area that is unexplored is expected to offer further material reserves potential. The company said its development plan for the first phase of the project targets increasing production from the known discoveries to 90,000 barrels per day by 2001. Lasmo's share of the proved reserve base will be about 175 million barrels of oil at December 31.

#### Mulberry store plan

MULBERRY GROUP plans to open its first standalone store, Mulberry Home Store, in King's Road, Chelsea, where Mulberry has recently acquired an 8,000 sq ft store. The company said the latest store, which is due to open in November, will display an extensive selection of Mulberry products. The total cost of the lease and the conversion of the store is expected to be as low as £100,000. Mulberry shares remained unchanged at 121 ap yesterday.

#### Total Vietnamese deal

TOTAL, the French oil group, has obtained a licence to build a \$6 million (£3.7 million) liquefied petroleum gas bottling plant in a joint venture with the state-owned Sea Products 404 in the Mekong Delta of southern Vietnam. Total will own 60 per cent and Sea Products 404 the other 40 per cent. The plant is expected to come on stream at the beginning of 1999. Total already has two similar plants, in the northern port of Haiphong and Ho Chi Minh city in the south.

#### T&S bid unconditional

T&S STORES has received acceptances for its offer for M&W. the rival convenience store group, in respect of 16.3 million shares, representing 96.68 per cent of MeW shares. Of the total received by Tuesday's first closing date in the bld timetable, holders of 9.3 million shares had opted to take cash the remainder having taken loan notes. The offer has therefore become unconditional as to acceptances but will remain open until October 28. T&S Stores rose 2p to 19212p.

#### Blockleys back in black

BLOCKLEYS, the building materials group, returned to the black in the first half, registering a £127,000 pre-tax profit in the six months ended June 30, compared with a £54,000 loss. Earnings recovered to 0.34p from a 0.16p a share loss and a half-year dividend of 0.15p (0p) will be paid. Brian Taylor, the chairman, said: "While the first half of the year represented an improvement ... current indications are that the extent of this upturn will not be maintained during the second half."

#### TayWood guarantee

THE Export Credits Guarantee Department, Britain's official export credit agency, said it will guarantee a \$200 million (£123.6 million) loan provided to help a venture, comprising a subsidiary of Taylor Woodrow, the builder and contractor, and Skanska Construction, the Swedish building and construction giant; to construct a transport and commercial centre in St Petersburg. The ECGD said the loan is to be arranged by Credit Agricole Indosuez and SBC Warburg Dillon Read.

#### ACCOUNTANCY

# Arm's length is too distant

Allan Taylor examines the impact

of applying the self-assessment

rules to company transfer pricing

elf-assessment is already here for individuals. Within 18 months, it is cheduled for companies. Last Thursday an Inland Revenue consultative document gave us details of how the biggest international tax issue of all transfer pricing - will fit into

Currently UK members of multinational groups have no obligation to declare profits for tax purposes using so-called "arm's-length" prices for goods. services. linance or intangible assets sold to other members of their group overseas. Hardpressed governments, keen to protect their tax take, consider the matter is of great impor-tance. The US and Australian Governments have been rigorous in insisting that companies sell at the same prices to group

members as to third parties. In the current UK system, tax inspectors monitor cax returns and only if the Revenue Board gives its approval, a so-called direction, can company profits be adjusted. Under self-assessment, it will be the obligation of multinationals to adjust the profits it declares for any intragroup transactions not made on what the Revenue is satisfied is an arm's-length basis. Experi-

Crunch time at

**Somerset House** 

ence from Australia and the US tells us that revenue authorities tend to increase audit and investigations activity once selfassessment commences. The Revenue's own figures show that for every El spent on investigations of transfer pricing, £120 is recovered in extra tax. Transfer pricing, once selfassessment starts, will undoubtedly be a key area for investigation under the Government's Spend to Save initiative. One of the key areas of such inquiries will be documentation - it will be incumbent on every company to keep details of all intra-group transactions. The

Revenue has largely dismissed this issue but, with 23 different sets of documentation set out in the consultative document, this will be more of a compliance burden than they give credit for. Under the present system, there are no penalties. But with the new proposals, companies not adjusting profits to the Revenue's satisfaction risk substantial penalties. It should also be remembered that reducing a

group member's profits can change the financial data upon which management decisions are based. But how likely are companies to go wrong? Considering trans-



Allan Taylor says disagreements are almost certain

fer pricing is an inherently subjective area - there is no right or wrong transfer price disagreements are almost certain. And the Revenue has certainly taken the opportunity to extend the legislation her-alded in July's Budget. For a start, we can no longer just talk

about transfer "prices". The consultative document introduces a new concept — "arm's-length provisions" — which is not satisfactorily defined or explained. It appears to bring all the terms and conditions of inter-company transactions into the picture, such as the length of an agreement which might be amended to satisfy arm's-length principles. This would appear to be another area of

problems. Far more transactions have now been brought into the transfer pricing net - all financial transactions will be included, such as loans guaranteed by a parent company, which is not currently affected. The propos-als intend to disallow interest on part of a bank loan which the Revenue believes has only been made because of the comfort zone provided by the affiliate.

The same schedule also extends the definition of "control" significantly, from its current limitation to control by shares, voting power or articles to control by any means". Under this definition, control will also include 40 per cent participation in a joint venture.

The Revenue points out that its motivation is one of fairness. After all, if one company follows arm's-length principles to the letter so should another.

But what happens to the firm that reports its accounting profits properly but has not adjusted them for arm's length? Will they have past years' assessments reopened? Bringing transfer pricing into self-assessment is a shift of responsibility from tax authority to taxpayer and there are questions raised by the document that need to be

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#### ANY OTHER BUSINESS

THE Inland Revenue, recovering from its influx of selfassessment forms, should take notice. In the latest issue of Taxation Practitioner, the magazine of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, the instirute president, John Andrews, of Coopers & Lybrand, issues a warning. He suggests that tax advisers may currently be all nice and smiley about selfassessment, but he says that may not last too long. When the real crunch comes next January and taxpayers are

not coping with the system," he says, "the Inland Revenue may not be able to remember how hard it was to comply." Members are asked to send in a "selection of some of the nonsenses" that they are suffering. And next January they will be dropped from a great height on Somerset House.

Open or closed?

WORRIED staff at the English ICA are looking for a sign. The Gerrard report into the being regarded as failures in governance of the institute

called for all manner of sweeping changes, in particular examining the way in which the secretariat tends to multiply in a direct relationship to the amount of dissatisfaction that members register. Next month the institute's council is to debate the actions it intends to take over the report. It has yet to be decided whether or not this will be done during the first, open, section of the meeting, or behind closed doors. The omens are not

good. During the previous dis-

institute's chief executive was barred from the meeting. But there is a suggestion that the nature of the day of the meeting may determine the issue. Guy Fawkes Day is not thought to be a good time for rulers to upset the ruled.

Plenty of nothings

JOHN WHITING, head of tax at Price Waterhouse, has invented a new classification of taxable items. He calls them "nothings". These are items of cussions of Gerrard even the expenditure that seem valid to

you or me but which get no tax relief. Under the aegis of the Chartered Institute of Taxation, he has prepared a 65-page report detailing more than 290 different "nothings" to be sent to the inland Revenue. For example, if an employee loses his job and pays for outplacement counselling he cannot claim it against tax. But if his former employer pays for the service it will be free of tax for the employee and tax deductible for the employer. Whiting wants a prop-er review of "nothings". Like all good tax advisers he wants something for "nothings".

ROBERT BRUCE

# As vermouth skips past a dry Martini

ROBERT

INVESTORS have traditionally been poorly served by accountants. The company news that an investor sees in the financial pages of a newspaper are the figures that have received the lightest of touches from an independent auditor. The figures that the auditor will have the greatest impact upon are the ones that rarely appear in the papers.
It is partly history that is to blame. All those

arguments about accountants looking at the past rather than to the future are true. The full report and accounts are the figures that hear the heaviest impress from an auditor's thumb. They are published months after the time to which they relate and, because they contain no headline figures that have not been announced before, they are ignored by the newspapers. Analysis are no better. They may claim that they go through the mass of figures with an analytical toothcomb. But generally they are too busy breaking the news of someone else's preliminary figures, which will drive the day's dealing, to be

bothered with what appears to be old news. It is a pity. It was Polly Peck International's full report and accounts that famously included the relevant figures and explanations of accounting poli-cies deep in the notes which, if read perceptively, could be found to contain the seeds of the company's destruction. The ligures that investors,

etimes share prices jump to are companies and their interim results. Both skip past the auditors in the same way that ver-mouth skips past a dry Martini. The presence can be discerned in the air, but not much in the substance of the matter. Interim results do

not have to be audited. Preliminary ligures only need to be agreed by the auditors. The result is that to all intents and purposes the second half of most companies financial years are never property analysed or publicised. There is some analysis of the full year's figures when the annual report comes out. There is some analysis of the first half, when the interim report is published. But the second half is lost in the heady process of stripping out the headline figures for the full year from the preliminary results. The result is that investors can read some good analysis of the first half and some reasonable analysis of the full year. What no one can properly get their hands on is analysis of the second half of the year as a distinct period. And this, as all auditors know, is a pity because typically all the

nasties are tucked away into the second half. So the current efforts by the Accounting Standards Board (ASB) should be applauded and encouraged. In the past three weeks it has published a guidance statement on interim reports and proposals for what it calls a "best practice" statement on preliminary results. The importance of this area of reporting is likely to grow enormously in coming years. The full year's reports and accounts, which have grown in size in recent years, will increasingly be consigned to their correct place as reference material. But as the influence and possibilities of technology have a greater effect on financial reporting it is likely that it is the most immediate and urgent figures that will become the focus of

Hence the need to bring some order and guidance to them now. The ASB is treading carefully. It sees this as an area like the operating and financial review, another crucial item of financial reporting, but one where best practice rather than

mandatory rules drive the quality of the information. The problem is that there are two opposing forces at work. These are the users and preparers of accounts. The users increasingly want the information in as clear and timely a form as possible. The preparers, somewhat strangely, still argue that all this speed, efficiency and clarity is irksome. The draft guidance on preliminary announcements suggests that companies should be encouraged to issue their preliminary an-nouncement within 60 days

BRUCE of the year-end". Given that some giant American corporations manage the an-nouncement within 12 working days, that does not seem onerous. Yet the ASB found considerable opposition. "There will be an enormous argy-bargy over this," one member said. Alfan Cook, technical director, said:

"Quite a lot of people will be jumping up and down over that" Equally, there is likely to be opposition to the idea that companies should explore methods of getting preliminary announcements to all of their shareholders at the same time. Currently, companies send them to those people, such as institutional shareholders and analysis, who can do them a bit of good in the market. Ordinary shareholders tend not to be sent them as a matter of course. As with so much in financial reporting, it is the companies and their finance directors who are the most short-sighted of all.









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Tie Rack

By Sarah Cunningham

THE strong pound has led to a sharp fall in half-year

profits at Tie Rack, the acces-

The company, which has 249 of its 419 stores overseas,

said that the strength of

sterling had lopped about £500,000 off its interim pre-tax profit and will also hit

earnings in the second half.

ceive any compensation pay-ment from the company, will

stay on as a non-executive

His duties will be shared by

Brita Eickhoff, who joins the

board as joint managing di-

rector, and Ronnie Flax, who

will move from retail director to joint managing director. Martin Morgan, property director, will become deputy

chairman with responsibility

for property and international

business. Roy Bishko, chair-man, said his own responsi-

bilities will not change as a result of Mr McGinley's

Pre-tax profit in the six

months to August 17 fell from

£604,000 to £158,000. Turn-

over crept up 0.5 per cent to

£48.9 million, but was 7 per

cent ahead at constant ex-

the company is continuing its

expansion programme and

also plans to step up the pace of store refurbishments.

The company will pay an unchanged interim dividend

of 0.6p on January 13. Its

shares fell 42p to 1272p.

Despite the profits setback,

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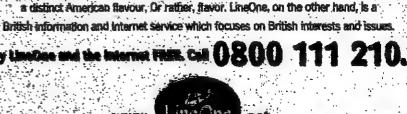
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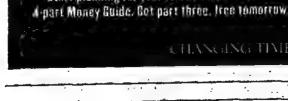
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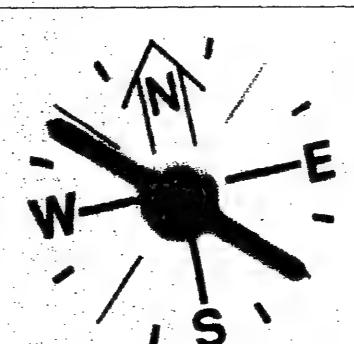




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Expansion still the aim for new Tie Rack team: from left, Martin Morgan, Roy Bishko, Brita Eikhoff and Ronnie Flax

# Blunders over factory cost Ferguson £500,000

FERGUSON International, Britain's largest label manufacturer, admitted that management hunders have cost the company £500,000 in the past six months alone.

Stephen Gutteridge, the new chief executive, said prob-lems with moving its main label factory had forced the group's pre-tax profits down to 4.46 million (£5.99 million) in

the half year to August 31. He coupled the news with a warning that September or-ders had been much slower, making a full-year recovery unlikely. The shares dropped 31'ap to a new low of 118'ap as analysts downgraded full-year forecasts from £10.6 million to

18 million - putting the company on course for its Mr Gutteridge said: "There was a poor management pro-

cess with a lack of control in key areas. Moving factory is a complex process - we did not adequately plan the move, in order to meet targets. With the advantage of hindsight it was not well managed at all." He added that the half-time figures included a "modest"

predecessor, who resigned in July.

The new factory, which generates £25 million of sales a year, is up and running, but disruptions in every part of the label process forced the com-

payoff to David Watson, his

pany to put on a series of overnight runs and incur other expenses to meet deadlines.

The company blamed its September slowdown on poor summer retail sales. It claims to have about 20 per cent of the clothing labels market, and 25 per cent of the trade for selfadhesive supermarket labels, Earnings are expected to be

13.7p, barely covering the 13.3p of dividend that the company has promised to maintain. In July the company said that its operating profits would be close" to £10.6 million.

Mr Gutteridge, who has been in the job for two weeks, said the company had suffered six months of problems and was preparing for six months

of stabilisation. He is not planning to mount's recovery

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until the next financial year. In spite of the troubles with its underlying business, the company is still pressing ahead with its startup label factories in China and Sri Lanka - although they are still loss-making, with no prof-it expected until 1999.

The company is to produce a third-quarter report to calm nervous investors. Its shares have already lost half their value this year.

Earnings dropped to 8p (10.1p) a share, from which an interim diviend of 4.5p will be paid on December 5.

# British adviser on US fraud charges gives himself up

FROM A CORRESPONDENT IN SAN FRANCISCO

viser suspected of cheating elderly clients and banks of millions of dollars surren-

The FBI had feared that Donald Bickerstaff, 38, had fled to Britain while under investigation for bank fraud. As a British citizen, he could not have been extradited.

George Grotz, an FBI

spokesman, said Mr Bickerstaff, who faces two charges of bank fraud, turned himself in with his lawyer to Michael Yamaguchi, the US Attorney. "He will be afforded an initial

its energy

offshoot

193 crowns (£16.90) per share. The company provides drilling, floating production and fabrication services for the

offshore oil and gas industry and was formed earlier this

year from the oil industry

interests of Fred Olsen, the

Norwegian shipping and oil

services group. Fred Olsen Energy activi-

ties include a large share-holding in Harland and Wolff, the Belfast shipyard,

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way, and a stake in Callon Petroleum in the United

appearance tomorrow before US magistrate Maria-Elena James," Mr Grotz said. Mr Bickerstaff left a wife

and two children behind in his Mill Valley home in August as civil suits and federal closed in. He did business in the San Diego and San Francisco areas under the names Bickerstaff Associates and BFA Financial Services Inc.

An arrest warrant accuses him of defrauding federally insured banks by taking out up to \$800,000 (£496,000) in loans shortly before he fled. But the FBI investigation

has broadened to include accusations that Mr Bickerstaff cheated his investment clients by issuing them phony brokerage statements. He used simi-lur statements as collateral for his loans with the FBI said.

The FBI is uncertain how many clients Mr Bickerstaft had, but estimates the number at close to 100. Mr Bickerstaff was fined \$50,000 in 1995 by the National Association of Securities Dealers for falsifying a customer's signature and

# making false representations over an insurance policy.

#### New prawn cocktail on Beefeater menu

PRAWN cocktail, a staple of the Beefeater menu for the past 23 years, is to be given a makeover as part of a £50 million revamp of the chain by Whithread, its

parent company.
Simon Wood, Beefeater managing director, said the brand was being repositioned to recognise the transformation of the eating-out market over the past few years. He added: "It's no longer a

treat reserved for special occa-sions. New freedom means everyone can eat outside the home at will as a normal part of modern life. This, in turn, had led to greater competition and to greater expectations

The share capital in Fred Olsen Energy is 1.16 billion After extensive research and trials, the group's 300-strong

chain of restaurants is to be updated - from staff uni-There will also be a new TV advertising campaign. While keen to distance itself from the old steakhouse image, the group will continue to focus on

classic British staples Eric Hanson, the brand's food development manager and a former leading chef said prawn cocktail would remain on the menu. "We've taken it and improved it. It flavours, better colours and,

actually, more prawns." But there was bad news for black forest gateaux lovers. Mr Hanson said there were no plans, for the time being, to reintroduce it to the menu.

# Promoting 'sound finance' can seriously damage your wealth

objective of economic policy is to reduce and, where possible, entirely eliminate, the needless economic and social waste caused by idle productive resources notably by unemployment. For this reason Keynesian economists and politicians who claim to be dedicated to the goal of full employment should be opposed to European monetary union. EMU, as envisaged in the Maastricht Treaty, explicitly fails to address the problem of unemployment and under-utilisation of resources. The main economic objectives of EMU seem to be the maintethe promotion of what Keynes called "sound finance" meaning tight fiscal and monetary policies regardless of economic circumstances. reflected in the Treaty's convergence criteria, which set maximum limits to inflation. budget deficits and public debt, but say nothing about

maintaining employment or stabilising economic cycles. EMU was clearly inspired by the laissez-faire monetarist doctrine that freely operating market forces, unhindered by inflation and market rigidities, will always push the economy towards full employment. It therefore confines the role of government to promoting competi-tion and maintaining price stability by curbing demand. Keynes refuted this doctrine on the obvious grounds that the levels of total production and employment in a free enterprise economy are determined by the volume of total real demand. There was no a priori reason, or historical evidence, for expecting the market mechanism invariably to generate the volume of total demand that would ensure the optimum utilisation of productive resources. Hence the need for government intervention to regulate

For Keynesians there can be no doubt that the "sound" Keynsians should all speak out

against **EMU** says

**Eprime Eshag** finance targets embodied in the convergence criteria of EMU will exercise a notice able dellationary bias in the economies of member countries, as indeed all "sound" finance policies have done in the past. This is largely because the achievement of the targets in question will inevitably limit the scope of expansionary measures that

of investment or consump tion demand in the private From time to time, this bias is likely to become more pronounced because of the deflationary measures taken to deal with price rises, in line with the monetarist requirement to respond to all inflationary signs by de-pressing demand. The overall deflationary bias of EMU, which is likely to

prolong and aggravate any

sive reason for Keynesians to reject EMU.

But staying out of EMU will only save Britain from the folly of undertaking an international legal committargets, as specified in the Maastricht convergence cri-teria. It will not, unfortunately, put an end to the unnecessary economic sacrifices imposed on the British people by domestically im-posed "sound finance" targets, as long as both political parties remain firmly committed to monetarism. Perhaps the most depressing and, for Keynesians, irrational feature of the present and much of the rest of the industrial world is the simultaneous sight of two contradictory phenomena. Potentially very rich countries plead lack of resources as a the authorities can undertake to offset any slackening reason for failing to cater to the basic needs of their people for health, education and

> tial social services and welcountries are willing to tolerate the waste of even greater resources due to the unemployment caused by arbitrary financial targets. All this has serious political

shelter and for cutting essen-

implications. There is a real danger that the persistent comfinance" targets by major industrial countries, whether through EMU or independeatly, will prolong the de-pressed conditions in the world economy. Such conditions provide a fertile ground for the growth of crime as well as of extreme right-wing, racist and anti-foreigner nationalist meaning Germans, shocked by the votes cast for neo-Nazis in Hamburg's recent election and wondering what has happened to their country's postwar liberal consensus, might do well to reflect on the impact of monetarism, EMU and

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As the Queen continues her State visit to India, Christopher Thomas reports on a country propelled by market forces into the 21st century

# A giant stirs from the heat and dust

been visiting this week is vastly different from the one she last visited in 1983. Even a glance at the unsightly advertising billbuards towering over the main city streets will have conveyed to her a country that has shed the past, its attitudes and expectations swept along by exposure to international television and a new political language demanding what India has always resisted - change. The old leftist ideology is dead, except in no talgic echoes in Calcutta and Kerala, and even there it is mostly rhetoric.

Those billboards show foreign cars and washing machines: they advertise mobile telephones and expensive watches, bombarding a country with temptations that almost nobody can indulge.

This is the paradox of the new India. The well-to-do are a tiny minority, but to reach them the advertisers must expose the poor to the frustrations and resilessness that come with seeing how the moneyed

The rich were never obvious before. Now they are exposed to the people through an explosion of commercialism that is propelling India into escalating change - socially, political-

ly and economically. Those changes are manifested in the arrival of low-

easte political power in the northern Hindi-speaking heartland, the "cow belt", and in the decline of Brahminical dominance of the political apparatus in Delhi. If the Queen had entered the warren of middle-class streets in southern New Delhi, she would have seen manifestations of fear, or at least of insecurity, among the haves. The have-nots are less timid, the domestic servants less servile, and as their assertiveness rises, so, silently, do the defences of the better-off.

Tall iron gates are rising out of middle class streets, blocking their entrances and exits at might, and neighbourhood guards wander around, softly blowing their whis-tles to each other to indicate all is well. These gates and guards were not much needed live years ago because there was relatively little

The India the Queen has crime, but burglaries are up, the servants are untrustworthy, the

changeless world has gone mad. in the driveways of some of these houses there are new Ford cars, produced in India, and even the occasional Indian-assembled Mercedes gleams, replacing the onceubiquitous Ambassador, that 1950s clone of the Morris Oxford that so summed up a timeless country that moved with the speed of continen-

The rich and the middle classes used to drive the same make of carbecause there was hardly anything else on offer. The wealthy bought nothing on the domestic market because there was nothing to buy, since imports of non-essentials were mostly banned.

The new displays of wealth are shocking to poor Indians. Even in the remotest village, people are aware for the first time what the world outside, and what rich India

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Everybody has a radio, many own a small monochrome television, and literacy has risen - officially to around 50 per cent, although that is probably an exaggeration. Health care, life expectancy, education and incomes have improved hugely since the Queen last visited.

Population growth is up. too. Indian cities are among the world's most densely populated. Nobody knows how big the population of Dethi is: 12 million, per-haps. The country will have

a billion people within four years because falling birthrates are more than matched by lower mortality so that India grows by 16 million people a year - almost the population of Australia.

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if the Queen can understand anything of it in her whirlwind tour, she is cleverer than most. She may well be pondering the old adage: everything ever said about India is true, and so is the opposite.



The smiling Queen makes her way from the Sikh shrine, the Golden Temple of Amritsar, which she visited earlier this week

# On a journey through time

BRITISH EXHIBITION

t's not just about India and Britain. That's all been done A so many times," explains T. Richard Blurton, assistant keeper in the British Museum's Oriental Department who is in India to act as curator at "The Enduring Image". an exhibition inaugurated by Queen and India's President K. R. Narayanan on Monday at New Delhi's National Museum. The exhibition, which will travel

to Bombay early next year, cele-brates 50 years of Indian Independence. With a collection of 332 pieces dating from 10,000BC to the 20th century, Indian artist Gulammohammed Sheikh describes it as an opportunity to journey across

The exhibition represents four years of planning and collaboration between the British Museum, the British Council and the Indian government's Department of Culture. Classical sculptures of Greek and Roman gods, serene images of Buddha from Japan and China, sensuous sculptures from Indian temples, alabaster reliefs depicting scenes from the gospels from pre-Reformation England and elaborate wooden masks from

Nigeria reflect the wide variety. Incredibly impressive is the head of Amenhophis III from Egypt, a fragment of the statue at the mortuary temple in Thebes. Standing just over 4ft tall and weighing one and a half tons, it stands aport from other exhibits in scale and magnitude. The head, with its piercing yet infinite gaze, has been selected as the image for the posters and literature on the

In the Indian collection, an intricately carved 13th-century Ganesha statue 4ft tall is particularly striking. bejewelled celestial female from the 10th century in a standing tribhanga pose once belonged to Sir Jacob Epstein.

Sculptures may dominate, but there is a fascinating variety of artefacts, including ornaments in gold and precious stones from ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, Rome and Britain. Renaissance Italian ceramic dishes from the 16th century retain their brilliant hues. Jewellery from the pre-Christian Angio-Saxon era discovered in southern England is studded with garnets that probably came from India.

The earliest image in the exhibition goes back to the Ice Age. The outline of the female figure on a slab of stone found in France has been engraved with a flint. The criteria for selection was

that all the objects were in some form or the other an imaging of the human form, a theme Blurton feels is particularly appropriate for India. "a country which has an obsessive imaging of the human form to convey ideas and CONCEDES"

The collection includes not just the most obvious expressions of the human figure in sculptures or paintings, but also in armour and jewellery which provide us an idea of what the body might have looked like, even if it is not actually seen. There are even Mesopotamian day tablets bearing cuneiform texts describing different parts of the body.

There is a flavour of cultures from all over the world incorporating nine departments of the British Museum. For many who will view the exhibition it is a rare opportunity to get a glimpse of treasures they have seen so far only in history and art books.

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# Signs of upswing for the economy

Overseas portfolio investment into India's bullish stock markets

continues to rise, writes Sunil Jain

things could not get much worse for the The Government has just given in and handed over an additional annual bonanza of 36 billion rupees (about £6 billion) to agitating central Government employees in the form of a salary revision.

The economy is yet to recover from last year's slowdown. tax collections are low as a result, and with the constituents of the ruling Unifed Front (UF) exerting all their influence to increase subsidies, the Finance Minister's efforts to contain the fiscal deficit have clearly been hit for six.

It is also equally unlikely that much of the ground lost since the Union budget on the economic reforms front will be recovered, with Prime Minister I.K. Gujral's near-complete inability to stand up to the UF. Hence, the slowdown in the process of disinvestment in ublic sector enterprises and in closing down some of the chronically sick ones.

Even so, there are enough signs to indicate that the economy is on the upswing and that investors are right in not panicking just now. Not the east is the fact that India looks like an especially good invest-ment if one considers the currency turmoil in South-East Asia and the structural weaknesses shown up as a result of this in countries such as Thailand and Malaysia.

Most important, however, from the point of view of investors, will be the impact of the recent pay rise to government employees and the favourable agricultural crop. The sharp reduction in taxes have released an additional 47 billion rupees into the economy. This, along with the Pay ommission bonanza would add, over the next couple of years, about 1.52 per cent to overall economic growth, according to economists.

As a result, stock valuations also look especially good. While stating that "this time, it's for real", economists at the broking house HSBC B & K

will be up 16.7 per cent this r. Price earnings ratios are than they were three years ago, the last time the stock markets seemed so bullish. Not surprisingly, overseas portfolio investment into Indian stock markets continues to

While the picture remains mixed in terms of reduction in bureaucratic red-tape and appalling, so far as infrastructure is concerned, the recent oil-sector reforms have opened up avenues for direct or manufacturing sector investment. telecoms, though stuck a little for the time being, also offer scope for hig investment. British Gas (BG) has recent-

ly bought into Gujarat Gas, giving it access to an estab-lished distribution network supplying to customers in Gujarat — BG already sup-plies gas to households in Bombay through another tie-up. With price controls on gas now being lifted, the fuel is emerging as the front-runner for power plants and BG is clearly on to a good thing. In fact, much of the big investment proposed by multinationals such as Shell, Amoco and Erron is for setting up gas terminals and pipeline systems to supply to power plants across the country.
Firms such as British Petro-

leum are also likely to benefit from the Government commit-ting itself to removing the administered price mechanism which restricted prices and therefore investment in the petroleum sector. National Grid, with its tie-

up with the Power Grid Corporation, is clearly another company which will benefit once the policy on transmission of power evolves further. While urban water supply

and sewerage is emerging as an area that has enormous potential with several state governments privatising these services — Anglian Water has bid for two such projects in Goa and Tamil Nadu - the progress on telecoms and insurance is certain to be slower. The author is the Business



GETTING THERE

India both operate direct flights to Delhi and Bombay

from the UK. Steve Keenan writes. BA flies direct to

Madras and runs connecting hights to Calcutta via Delhi. Pares bought from

airlines can cost more than £1,000 at peak times. Bought

through an agent, they can drop by more than half. May-July is the cheapest

time to travel, says Sue Mos-cow of Traillinders, which

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atrides. Direct fines start at £450. Austrian Airlines will

fly daily to Delhi from Vi-enna from October 28.

A 6.35am Heathrow flight

will pick up the Delhi flight at 10.30mm, arriving at 10.20pm. Tradewings this

week quoted advance pur-chase fares of £389 plus tax.

The Indian High Com-

ssion (0171-836 8484) says



India's production of modern goods such as washing machines is raising expectation

# Bollywood's erotic trash

FILMS

there is nothing so vio-lent as a Bollywood movie, with its mutilarapes, knifings and elaborate atrocities wrapped around thin story lines that throw in a bit of sex sors say sex is bad). A man's innards can grace the screen, but not a woman's breast. These are aspects of the

Indian film industry that will not be dwelt upon during the Queen's visit to MGR Film City today but they are the subject of battles between film-makers and moral guardians in the Government. Bollywood, whose films pour dance-and-light routine with something containing merit. But such occasions immediately present problems of censorship and finding money to distribute the film.

Bollywood thrives on black money. A film-maker who tries to be honest faces frustration, because honest money is hard to find. The mobsters who finance much of the industry lay down the rules: make a movie for the masses by throwing in as much sex as the censors will allow and let This formula explains why

Indian films are so crass. India has world-class talent, but low-class money to back it. When a different kind of film is made, the censors usually ban it with objections that dismay producers and direcskilful and serious film by Pamela Brooks, summarises the clash between those trying to make good movies and those suspicious of anything that breaks the mould

The censor board did not like a scene showing a man's bare buttocks. It disliked the quip of a man who said "and I suppose Mahatma Gandhi is your uncle", a line that was deemed disrespectful.

It is a blunt tilm, conveying a story of heroism in Punjab during partition in 1947, and shows in one scene the torture of a suspected spy with chilli peppers in the anus. That alone would have given it an adults-only rating in the West. The cuts the Indian censors wanted would have emasculated it. Honest investors do not

want to risk money on a good film that censors destroy on the presumption that the naman's backside, but not too sensitive to see him mutilated with a cleaver. Similarly, state television is a mumbing outnouring of mediocrity, produced by people too conscious of censorship to be creative or risk innovation.

The censors are out of step with an India that no longer accepts the sexual mores imposed by the Moguls, and then the British, who together forced prudery on a nation that produced the Kama Sutra, as well as erotic temple carvings depicting everything from group sex to bestiality.

The censor board is becoming a national joke because of its capricious and nannyish definitions of good taste. It lost the battle to destroy Bandit Queen, which showed nakedness, after the producers took the case to appeal. The censors are a relic and are slowly being compelled by public opinion to allow greater freedom. In due course, a male backside is bound to grace India's cinema screens, nd nobody is likely to faint.

CHRISTOPHER THOMAS

#### Garments with a timeless quality

FASHION \*\*\*

THE SARI conjures up the image of India as much as the Taj Mahal or spicy curry. Coomi Kapoor writes

"The sari is an all-purpose garment," says Gayatri Subramaniam, a librarian who has never felt the need to wear anything else. "You can sleep in it. You can cover your head with it if it's sunny or rainy. You don't have to bother about keeping up with. fickle fashion styles or worrying whether it still fits you. You don't have to deal with torn seams or stuck zips."

The sari may be a timeless garment, but that does not mean it is not dicated to by fashion. Styles and trends in saris are plentiful: pastel chiffons and georgettes, brilliant ethnic weaves, hand-printed cottons, soft crepes and rich rustling silks. However, the sari is gradu-

ally being replaced in the wardrobes of urban Indian women by another very Indian outfit, the kurta. The traditional dress of Punjab in poishwest India, it combines a loose shirt (kurta) with a pyjama and a veil (chunni) to cover the head or cleavage.

in the past two decades the kurta has been reinvented. The baggy suit has been transformed into dozens of chic styles and cuts.

with the fashion revolution in India. Young designers such as the late Rohit Khosla, Rohit



contest in India last year

Bal, Tarun Tahilini, Ritu Berl, Abu Jani, Sandeep Khosla and J. J. Valaya have breathed new life into the kurta. Beauty women won both Miss World and Miss Universe contests wearing designer Indian gar-ments — and Indian fashion shows abroad have helped to fuel international interest. Haute couture designers such as Issey Miyake, Ungaro, Escada and Valentino have made use of Indian fabrics and embroidery in their collections.

The National Institute of Fashion Technology in Delhi was opened by the Government in 1988 with an eye on the burgeoning garment export business, but it discovered there was as big a demand for designers in the domestic market as there was for export. By 1995 NIFT had opened four more design schools. Fashion is booming in India.

The nature of the average Indian politician is changing, Coomi Kapoor reports

# Leaders become more like the common man

The Indian press often decries the erosion of Front pages are dominated

by opportunistic defections, politicians' links with criminals and various scams. A common complaint is that there are no longer role models such as Jawaharlal Nehru, Rajendra Prasad and Lal Bahadur Shastri to look up to.

The Speaker of India's lower house of Parliament (Lok Sabha), P.A. Sangma, has even suggested special classes for new MPs in parliamentary procedure, in view of the frequent adjournments and slanging matches.

However, statistics indicate that there has been a steady. improvement in the education al background of MPs over the past 40 years. In 1952, 23 per cent of MPs had not completed higher secondary school; in 1991 this applied to only 3.6 per per cent of the MPs had university degrees; in 1991, 76 per cent were graduates.

During the past 50 years, the profile of the average Indian politician has changed The late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was in some ways typical of an earlier generation of politicians: Aristocratic, autocratic, uppercaste, educated at Oxford University, she had all the inherent advantages and social graces associated with membership of a leading polit-

ical family. Today the best-known woman politician in India is Mayawati, who triumphed over poverty and social discrimination — she comes from the lowest rung of India's caste stratified society - to become Chief Minister of Uta tar Pradesh, India's most populous state. The iconoclastic former primary-school teacher has a contempt for parliamen-

tary niceties. Septuagenarian Prime Minister I.K. Gujral represents the old school of "gentleman politicians" which is slowly fading out. The soft-spoken Gujral.



Prime Minister LK. Gujral and Laloo Prasad Yaday



Mayawatr India's best-known woman politician

regular at conferences and seminars discussing declining even a local municipal corpovalue systems and foreign policy. His political detractors argue that, under normal cir-

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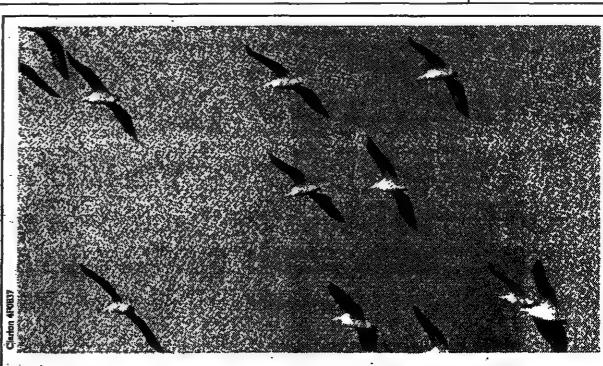
defined constituency of his intermediate caste which makes him a formida? ble force in the politics of northern India. Recently. Yadav was imprisoned in a communica case. In the scam in which he was allegedly involved, money from the State exchequer intended to provide animal feed was diverted to the pockets of contractors, officials and politicians.
Yaday claims he is the

victim of an upper-caste con-spiracy, and instead of stepping down until his name can — he hopes — be cleared, he has installed his wife Rabri Devi, a mother of nine, as his surrogate. In the commercial capital of Bombay, it is the saffron-robed, tough-talking Shiv Sena chief Bal Thackeray who holds sway, playing un-abashedly to Hindu and parochial sentiments in a city which once prided itself on its cosmopolitan culture. In the southern state of Andhra Pradesh, the computer buff Chan-drababu Naidu is Chief Minister and, like most of the younger generation of politicians; has no use for the white khadhi cap, popularised by Mahatma Gandhi, and once the characteristic badge of an Indian politician.

The changing profile of politicians is not necessarily a sign of declining standards, but rather of changing priorities.

MPs from the urban elite are greater numbers representin the interests of the intermediate and lower castes, whose numerical strength was not adequately represented in earfier Parliaments.

Today's MPs are exercised not so much about the quality of parliamentary debate and complex procedural knots of legislation but about providing drinking water and building better roads. Caste and region al lovalties often take priority over larger national issues. Along the way, politicians have sentative and reflective of the



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■ BOURNEMOUTH missed out on the party conferences this year, and probably as a result the five-star Royal Bath Hotel in Bournemouth is offering half-board at a reduced rate of £82 a night this month. The offer is available through Superbreak, and includes use of the health club. Details: 0161-238 5257.

LUCIANO PAVAROTTI'S concert at the Indoor Arena. Manchester, on November 1 is featured in a Musical Break which is on offer from Goldenrall. A ticket, coach

transfer as well as bed and breakfast at the Manchester Post House costs from £199. Details: 0161-238 5206.

■ THE OLD BELL, Maintesbury, in Wiltshire - the town was once the capital of old England - is available for two-night breaks at £99 from Sunvil UK. The price includes breakfast as well as entrance to Longleat and Stourhead. Children are welcome at little extra cost. Details: 0181-232

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MEDITERRANEAN deals are available this month from Co-op Travelcare with the best offers to ibiza. A week's Sunworld holiday with halfboard and a flight from Manchester on Saturday costs £219 and a similar Airtours package with a flight from Cardiff on Sunday costs El49. Details: 0541 500388.

RHODES for £179 for a week's self-catering with a flight from Gatwick on Saturday is the best of several late deals available from Kosmar Holidays, Details: 0181-368

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THE SUN should be still be shining brightly in Ellat where a week's hotel holiday with B&B from October 27 will cost from £279 with Longwood Holidays including return flights from Luton. Details:

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■ NICE has been the target for cut-price airlines and EasyJet has stepped up the competition by offering a £39 one-way fare until December 15 on a first-come, first-served basis. Details: 0990 292929.

■ THE ALGARVE in au-turnn can be bright and breezy — and cheap if you take up Lunn Poly's offer of a week's self-catering for £159 with a flight from East Midlands on November 3. Details from the company's Holiday Shops.

CASABLANCA might nev-

er be the same without Bogart and Bergman but you can enjoy free nights in the city next month with Cadogan Holidays. Stay on Friday and Saturday - and Sunday will be free, with the break costing £401 including return flights from Heathrow and a discount card. A week's stay including two free nights costs £587. Details: 01703 828302



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#### LONG HAUL

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advantage of an offer from Destination Florida based on four sharing, with flights, next Monday. Leave from Gatwick and you pay £355 for a fortnight's room-only accom-modation near Disney World; from Manchester a week costs E315. Details: 0181-440 9010.

■ A WEEK'S B&B at a beach hotel in The Gambia - still one of Africa's flatter and calmer countries - is being offered for £369 a person from The Gambia Experience with flights from Gatwick on Octo-ber 21 and 28. Details: 01703

TORONTO can almost match Orlando for shopping malls, so Bales Tours is offering four nights at the Delta Chelsea Inn Flotel, and the chance to browse in Yorkville and at the glass palace from

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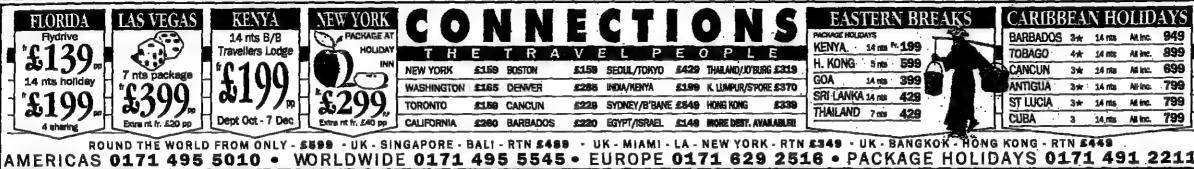
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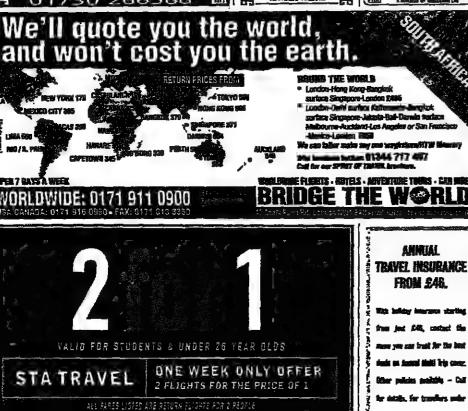




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# Wilde life a bit on the tame side

NEW MOVIES: Fish loom large on the menu as Geoff Brown looks for more excitement than Oscar offers

The last time Oscar Wilde flaunted himself on Britain's screens was in 1960. He came in two versions. The first Oscar looked like Robert Morley, the film, called simply Oscar Wilde, was ragged and dull. The rival venture, unveiled five days later, featured an affecting performance from Peter Finch and handsome colour photography. The Tri-als of Oscar Wilde was the title, and the film survives the

years well. Time has moved on. In terms of public acceptance of homosexuality, 1900 was still Dark Ages. Now the drawn curtains have been pulled back. In Wilde, for a minute or two, we see Oscar, portrayed by Stephen Fry. enjoying a visit to a male brothel, and snuggling be-tween the sheets with boys. We see him looking on as Lord Alfred Douglas (Jude Law), his beloved Bosie, engages in buggery. Among the glittering repartee, a four-letter word surfaces from time to time.

And that is it, after 30 years of sexual liberation? The film's timidity is not confined to sexual matters. Once the silly "shock" opening Oscar mingling with Colorado miners in a Western township is tucked away. Brian Gilbert's film keeps to the look and format of many conventional screen biographies. The pressures of domesticity are pitted against the artist's muse and bohemian spirit. Once in a while a famous play opens, and famous names are dropped. In the period London streets a throng always bustles, clothed in mutton-chop whiskers and the best rented finery from Angels Bermans. Horses clip Buildings look divine. could be watching the BBC's latest classic serial or

unused footage from the Merchant Ivory vaults. Given the credentials of Brian Gilbert and his scriptwriter Julian Mitchell, it may have been unwise to expect anything else. Gilbert's last film was Tom & Viv. feelingly done, but still within the orbit

polite, literary cinema.

Mitchell is a master crafts man, expert at adaptation and

chronicling past times. With Fry in the lead, how ever, hope springs eternal. He is good, no doubt of it, particularly in the quieter moments. alive to the contradictions of Oscar the family man (there are touching scenes with Jennifer Ehle as his wife. Constance). Yet we expect more brilliance from Oscar the wit; more insight, too, into the urges that bind him to the destructive Bosle. Lacking substantial connecting tissue. the scenes of high drama -Bosic being cruel, Oscar suffering Victorian Indignities at Reading Gaol — never seem as deeply felt as they should. Wilde is far from a bad film.

but it is certainly a missed Supported by the National Lottery through the Arts Council of England. You can read those words in the credits of Wilde. You can also see them at the end of Shooting Fish, directed by Stefan Schwartz, where the lottery contribution was il million.

. Wilde Warner West End, 15, ilo mins Not as wild as you might

expect Shooting Fish Oden West End. 12, . 113 mins Energetic, sprawling

British comedy

subUrbia Metro, 18, 121 mins. Telling comedy drama about aimless American youth

Free Willy 3: The Rescue Warner West End, U, - 86 mins Killer whale comes up trumps.

Hard Eight Metro, 18, 102 mins A curiosity from a rising directorial talent

The Blue Angel

Everyman, 108 mins

Divine Dietrich

Feeling the long arms of the law: Stephen Fry turns in a good performance as Oscar Wilde, here en route to Reading Gaol — but where is the brilliance, the wit, the insights? Finding the money, in some ways, is the easy part in British film-making. The diffi-cult thing is finishing the

For with this comic extravaganza Schwartz and Richard Holmes, the bright boys behind Soft Top Hard Shoulder, went into production some ten drafts away from perfection. We find so much superfluous detail; so many ungainly lurches as the film's two adventurers - Stuart Townsend and America's Dan Futterman - flit round London scamming the rich, while Kate Beckinsale's medical student aids and abets. It wanted to grab the script out of their hands, and post it for doctoring to T.E.B. Clarke,

But Clarke, alas, is dead. So is Ealing comedy, after an honourable life, though one curiosity of Shooting Fish is the prominent residue of past times and fashions. So much of this film pants to be bang up to date, from the youthful, snook-cocking characters to the soundtrack's Britpop parade. Yet so much, perversely, belongs to the past, like the obsession with class and state-

ly. homes (Townsend and

Futterman want to buy one). .

In the midst of chaos, Beckinsale and Townsend (seen in Trojan Eddie) lark about attractively, which partly compensates for Futterman's grating turn. Inventive visual design and bouncy music also help. But for too much of the time you sense the

film-makers trying to induce the feel-good spirit artificially. It cannot be done. The youth of subUrbia lead far less manic lives. They lounge about in front of a convenience store in a fictional Texas suburb. They drink. they prattle, they pontificate. Nothing to do. Nowhere to go. The director, of course, is Richard Linklater, who gave birth to a flourishing minigenre when he documented aimless youth in Slacker. Yet-Ealing's master of comedy Linklater is not working solo.

Eric Bogosian is the author, and subUrbia was originally a play. Its drift towards violence is a Bogosian characteristic, though these high school friends — Jeff, Tim, Buff, Sooze, Bee Bee and others could easily have hung out in the director's past films. Each comes with his or her own personality, enhanced by

come intensified by the arrival of Pony, slacker turned rock star, who drives up in a stretch limo to rekindle old times.

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inklater never denies .: the material's theatrical origins: the camera rarely strays from the Food Mart forecourt, and talk dominates. But the words are flavourful, and Linklater choreographs the characters so well that we watch absorbed. Pony serenades Sooze. Tim goes ballistic. Pony's publicist (Parker Posey) cases the available males: "You guys are

real real!" she purrs. But is Willy real? Some of the time, in Free Willy 3: The Rescue, this life-enhancing killer whale splashes through

the ocean like the genuine

should not be sneered at, for it generates more genuine drama than most third instalments of family fodder. A good director helps. Little heard from in cinemas of late. New Zealander Sam Pillsbury grabs his chances by giving the action scenes extra bite. He also refuses to accept stereotypes. There is no easy villain to hiss: instead of a faceless cornoration, we are given a

article. At others he seems a

family tradition. "Whales don't feel, they aren't people, they're just fish," he tells his young son, cringing at the carnage. Wrong, of course: whales are mammals.

giant bath toy. Yet this film

whale hunter, a father, a breadwinner, following the

But so what? Free Willy 3

entertains children, and gives adults in tow something else to watch besides the exit

first film, Hard Eight, one has to wonder how the same chap directed both. Hard Eight. shot in 1995, shows admirable

Look out, next year, for Paul Thomas Anderson's Boogie Nights, a swirling portrait of Hollywood's soft-core pornography business. Watching his

single-mindedness, but it gives the audience scant encourage-

ment to wade through the talky, baldly shot scenes, and take an interest in the characters, Philip Baker Hall (Nixon in Secret Honor) is the principal one: a softly spoken professional gambler in Reno, who

takes John C. Reilly, impover-

ished and dim. under his

seekers will be fruitfully engaged; but this arid oddity has no hope of hooking general audiences. Neither, I suppose, has The Blue Angel, the film that revealed Marlene Dietrich to the world, legs akimbo, top hat at rakish angle, as she leads

wing. We then jump two years to Gwyneth Paltrow, Samuel

L. Jackson, romance, black-

mail and murder. Curiosity

Emil Jannings's infatuated schoolmaster to destruction. But connoisseurs and camp followers will derive much pleasure. Josef von Sternberg's film, made in 1930, heads a month-long season, Divine Decadence, at the Everyman and National Film Theatre, celebrating the films

of the Weimar Republic.

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careful casting. Jeff (Giovanni Ribisi) is the sensitive one, though he lacks the courage to act on his thoughts. Buff (Steve Zahn, from the original show) is the airhead clown. Tim, an Air Force drop-out, peddles cynicism and racist remarks. Sooze (Amie Carey, in an impressive screen debut) is determined to escape to New York. Their differences be-Born to play Oscar' Julian Mitchell has produced Stephen Fry brilliantly.

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# Rare fare from plucky Canadians

not normally the most adventurous programmers. Anxious to please, and to sell tickets to a new and unfamiliar public, foreign troupes prefer to rely on a welltried reperioire. Not so the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. For their first London season in 15 years, the Canadians have brought two mixed bills of work, most of it unknown to British audiences.

Balanchine's Concerto Barocco was first up on Tuesday's opening night, certainly the most elegant piece of dance writing on the programme but unfortunately not the most elegantly performed. The company's first steps were tentative, as if they were concentrating too hard on making a good impression. It didn't help that Earl Stafford, conducting the New Queens Hall Orchestra in the Bach score, chose to take the first movement at a crawl. Like most of Balanchine's works this

stately 1940 ballet is one for the women, a nervous-looking Zhang Wei-Qiang drawing short straw as the lone male. Suzanne Rubio was particularly impressive: her technique is strong and controlled, her line remarkably expansive - unusual in one so short although she too suffered an attack of. nerves. Caroline Gruber is also lovely.

willowy and easy to watch.

Jerome Robbins made his Other Dances for Natalia Makarova and Mikhail Baryshnikov in 1976, a roman-

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tic but fiendish duet that has attracted star duos ever since. Evelyn Hart, the big name at the top of the Royal Winnipeg roster, was partnered on Tuesday by one of France's top draws, Manuel Legris. She is exquisitely unhinged as a dancer, quirky and heautiful at the same time — you never know where her dancing is going to lead. Legris is more grounded as a performer, accomplished and polished in his technique and presentation. But his aristocratic French manner is perhaps too grand for the playfulness of Robbins's humour. Mark Godden's Miroirs was the

Canadian centrepiece to the evening. Set to the Ravel score, it takes its inspiration from the titles of the five poems for piano. Each works well on its own terms, finding a distinctiveness of dance personality: the fluttering reticence of the night moths in Noctuelles, the spirited curiosity of the Jester in Alborada del Gracioso (a fine. cameo from Jorden Morris); the deliberate irreverence of language in La. Vallée des cloches. And although they may not sit happily together, each of the five does flatter its dancers wonderfully. Miroirs, commissioned by Winnipeg in 1995, is the piece which tells us



Evelyn Hart in Other Dances: exquisitely unhinged and beautiful

company.

Ballets by the Dutch choreographer Toer van Schayk are rarely seen in Britain, and some might say that is a blessing Happily, Seventh Symphony, which closes Winnipeg's first pro-gramme, is one of his less annoying

most about this plucky and engaging creations. The horizon of hope and ambition; the triumphalist declaration; the feverish joy: all are there in Beethoven's score and van Schayk does his best to oblige. The ensemble of 20 dancers lapped it up.

DEBRA CRAINE

**CONCERTS:** A former Beatle turns symphonic; and little-known Russians make their mark

## Macca is no new Mahler

Standing Stone
Albert Fall

WHEN this newspaper's critic William Mann once famously compared the Beatles to Schubert he was, of course, referring to their respective outputs of songs. Each produced some of the most enduring tunes of their time and set them to poignant texts. But while Paul McCartney's talents as a songsmith guarantee him a unique symphonist are likely to be quickly rgotten if Tuesday night's premiere of Standing Stone is anything to go by.

As anyone who actually remembers his Liverpool Oratorio will know, "crossover" music is not one of McCartney's strengths. It lacks the visour and freshness of his pop music and falls far short of anything that could be described as "classical" Standing Stone is neither fish nor fowl, but rather the musical equivalent of a veggie burger. To judge by the reception of an Albert Hall only a few

coachloads short of ecstatic, there are people who prefer their music that way, belonging to the predominantly middle-aged and middle-brow easylistening end of the market.

However, McCartney need not take all the blame for the piece, commissioned by EMI to celebrate its centenary. He had no fewer than five helpers. on the score, including the composers David Matthews and Richard Rodney Bennett and the saxophonist John Harle, and if this is not a case of too many hands spoiling the symphony. they certainly have over-flavoured it. There is hardly a style that goes unrepresented in this long medley of derivative mood music.

And Standing Stone, performed here by the London Symphony Orchestra and Charus under Lawrence Foster in a programme that also included earlier McCartney "classical" works, is nothing if not long. McCartney is certainly successful with small, selfed units of melody, but it takes a Mahler or a Bruckner to sustain. symphonic thought over 75 minutes.

The Victorian-style hymn with which Standing Stone closes suggests that, 40 years after his first rock concert, McCartney really is in search of middle-age respectability. But if that is the way he is going, will somebody please give him a few new key signatures for Christmas.

JOHN ALLISON This review appeared in late editions

## Shades of mournful monotone

IT IS not often that Arvo Part's music seems the model of concision and expressivity, John Allison writes, but alongside the other works in Monday's London Sinfonietta concert it certainly did.

Cantus in memoriam Benjamin itten, one of the first pieces the Estonian wrote while forging his sparse and simple style, takes very basic material and builds it up with increasing intensity. Martyn Brabbins controlled his forces well in a performance full of sorrowful feeling.

It was presented with three other long, unremittingly sombre pieces in a programme that lacked contrast and balance. As part of the "Reflections". festival of music from Russia and the former Soviet republics, the concert was doubtless meant to show the variety of work emerging from the

former.USSR: alas, though some of this century's greatest composers worked within and against the system, the stagnation on the fringes of musical life was all too obviously, reflected here.

posed in 1992, and it is not hard to see why it had to wait five years for this premiere. Scored for solo viola, solo cello, strings and less prominent winds and percussion, the work lasts a whole hour -- did the composer really expect to be paid by the minute? Raskatov is a craftsman who knows how to achieve some striking effects, but despite Brabbins's firm conducting and excellent soloists in Paul Silverthorne and Ansai Karttunen, this dreary work remained stuck in one mournful rut.

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audiences have time on their hands is the Georgian Giya Kancheli. His Abii which received its UK premiere, inhabits a neo-Romantic sound-world and consists mainly of rhetorical gestures and tense silences. At least Elena Firsova possesses a more distinctive musical language, and her Chamber Concerto No 6 for plane and small orchestra, a "Reflections" commission premiered here, employs a bigger palette of colours. But no great demands are made on the soloist (Olga Balakleets), and the ethercal work only added to the unrelieved monotony of the concert.

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Well, I did not fight in the Falklands, the place and the conflict which Meredith Oakes's new play coyly fails to name. So I cannot definitively accuse her Faith of being unauthentic. But it left me with the feeling that some of her notions about military life were a mite fanciful. Certainly. I have never met anyone quite like Howard Ward, her

#### Faith Ambassadors -

accusing Mrs Thatcher and the nob class of turning the private soldiers Uimmy Gallagher and Callum Dixon) into creatures of the dark - "and we want to live in the light with everyone else".

Dramatists have to be awfully good to get audiences to buy stuff as highfalutin as that, especially when they have spent much of the evening establishing their naturalistic credentials. Oakes is probably right to suggest that a soldier might crave Mars bars after a battle, or a shattered prisoner might not be able to stop yawning. It is when she stops observing and starts being significant about Soldiers and War that her play loses the modest grip on reality it has achieved.

Actually, I found it hard to believe in the central dilemma. Would our top brass really decide that the mere capture of American mercenary might inflame the US public against us, and so order our soldiers to murder him? Hardly. But it is this that brings the conflict between Spiers and Karl Draper's Lance-Corporal Ziller to the boil.

Ziller is a tough, amoral fellow who accepts that a soldier's duty is to obey orders and, if necessary, to kill. Spiers is supposed to be more complex. He is a career NCO who joined the army for the security and funked the previous night's big battle. But this Pooterish coward is also the



able tale of soldiers and soldiering. Faith Privates Pike (Jimmy Gallagher) and Finch (Callum Dixon) come under fire from heavy existentialist angst in Meredith Oakes's unber

voice of patriotism and moral orthodoxy, and spends much of the play trying and failing to maintain his belief that good old Blighty stands for justice

Oakes's scepticism about Britain and the Falklands conflict is painfully obvious. But what do a dramatist's feelings matter if the plot is not plausible nor the dialogue consistently robust? "What's this golden banner above my head, this pride?" cries the despairing Spiers of the Union Jack. "It's just an old thin piece of cloth." I felt rather the same about the play.

> BENEDICT NIGHTINGALE

sion of Macheth for the 1990s leans as heavily on its repertoire of lurid melodramatic tricks as it does on the newly elevated film star, Pete Postlethwaite. The Bristol Old Vic curtain lifts on a forest of heads impaled on spikes, and the witches - here a deeply weird choice of a drummer boy, a nurse and a lady in a wheel-

There is little to romance about Postlethwaite's stubby soldier with his big shrivelled head, sunken eyes and swollen cheekbones. His Macbeth may be mired in mucky politics, and his court may be a

## Occult horror show

bizarre mixture of businesssuited assassins and kilted samurai warriors. Yet the breathless pace of his ambition to get crowned in less than an hour is a masterclass in clarity of purpose. Events unfold in a swirl of topicality. There are press conferences to nnounce Macbeth's promotion to Thane of Cawdor. A drunken Porter cracks jokes about "cash for questions". And there is a Kate Adie news

report on Birnam wood. There is something filmic about it too. Richard How-

ard's king Duncan looks tike Terence Stamp, and the mur-der of Macdul's wife and offspring is so ingeniously slick and cruel it could have been choreographed by Tarantino. However, the inflam-mable point of Costigan's production is his equation of occultism with tribalism in the programme notes, stories about Ouija boards, tarot

cards and crop circles are printed alongside newspaper cuttings about ethnic cleansing. This sounds dangerously and irresponsibly simplistic. It is. Yet the two themes are made to work in unholy - and highly entertaining - tandem. which is why the murder of Nick Brimble's Banquo makes such horrific sense.

But what lifts Costigan's production out of the ordinary is quite simply Postlethwaite's performance. To many he will always look like an ex-con with a face full of spanners.

But as a tyrant with a "mind full of scorpions", he recap-tures the psychotic metivation that has been stolen by countless Lady Macbeths. His penultimate meeting with the witches takes place on his bed surrounded by what looks like the local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, It is a nightmare sequence of writhing para-nois. The silent figure of Patricia Kerrigan's Lady Mac-beth, tranced and impddled on the pillow, is as eloquent as the amplified sound of Macheth's own beart beat. Rarely has

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fonly the fourth time she has played here in 14 years), Rickie Lee Jones wove a rich and varied tapestry of electronic beats, jazz, scat-poetry and

intelligent pop.

Her new album, Ghostyhead, provided the lion's
share of the material, and there was no space for any of the earlier songs that once earned her comparison with audience was so absorbed by

this sophisticated new fare that there was not a single call for her 1979 Top 20 hit, Chuck Es in Love, Jones has always spurried the commercial route and wherever her explorations have led, a mature fan base has been prepared to give her

space to grow.

Standing for most of the time in an eerie red light, she gave an intense, brooding performance, swaying gently but otherwise undemonstrarive. An electronic sequencer created evocative soundscapes and the guitar of Rick Boston. who collaborated with Jones on the album, added a harderedged Velver Undergroundinfluenced density where required. The upright bass of Michael Alesandro, frequent-ly bowed, offered further depth and jazzy textures.

a little too self-consciously New York art school, but mostly they created the perfect haunting backdrop for the sinuous and supple instrument that is Jones's voice. While it is clear that she has been listening to Beth Gib-bons of Portishead, the feral vocals on songs such as Cloud. of Unknowing and Little Yellow Town also suggested the influence of Biork.

Jones's lyries have grown more Zen-like over the years. Lines such as "now in soft" detective voices the past rises and follows you in shapes of rain and dew" risk sounding pretermous on the page, but made perfect sense on stage performed in her half-sung, half-recited style:

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FRIDA KAHLO: Still Life with Prickly Pears, 1938 OVERSHADOWED while she was alive by her muralpainting husband Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo has won a formidable posthumous reputation. Whatever she painted. Kahlo always charged her subject with an autobiographical significance. Even this simple plate of prickly pears seems to bear on her own life, for one of the pears is damaged, and its crimson flesh has left smears resembling blood on china and drapery alike. They remind us that a serious accident doomed Kahlo to constant pain. Her art speaks of suffering,

even when she concentrates on the enticements of fruit. Objects of Desire is at the Hayward (071-950 4242), sponsored by BMW in association with The Times. TOMORROW: Andy Warhol's 100 Cans, 1962



John Higgins

III DONIZETTI L'elisir d'amore Cheorghiu/Alagna/Alaimo/ Scaltriti/Lyons Opera Orch/Pidó

Decca 455 691-2 (two CDs]\*\*\*. £30.99 ELISIR was one of Roberto Alagna's first recordings, a lightweight and still very engaging set on Erato. The decision to return to Nemorino must have been influenced by the chance to partner Angela Gheorghiu. He has changed his interpretation considerably. Alagna's tenor is now much robuster and he opts for the second and rarely neard version of Una furtiva lagrima, which Donizetti wrote for a voice with some buritone timbre. Nemorino becomes not so much a lovesick boy as a simple

blunderer. Gheorghiu's Adina remains unsurpassed among her contemporaries as she pips out the notes when in capricious coloratura mood, or colours

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she shells out a few scudi to buy back Nemorino's army papers. She is a highly responsive singer, reacting with wit and poise to her two admirers in the Act I duets and to Simone Alaimo's outstanding Dulcamara in Act II. Roberto Scaltriti's Belcore could offer

more swagger. Evelino Pidó keeps the Ly-ons Orchestra on its toes and Frank Duniop's knockabout, 1920s production from the French house is available on video. The Donizettian spirit, though, is best preserved on

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"LOOK at virtually any picture of Brahms and you see a fat man." says Gidon Kremer. going on to suggest that the image has tended to produce "fat" interpretations of the composer's music over the years. Kremer's response is to scale down the virtuoso solo part of the Violin Concerto and make the work more like a conversation between equals.

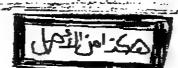
It is an approach that suits his particular style, because Kremer, although an undoubted virtuoso, has a thinnish, somewhat undernourished tone in any case. And here it is convincing - espements - aided and abetted as Kremer is by the great revisionist himself, Nikolaus Harnoncourt.

Together they bring out the chamber music qualities of the score, an aspect that is even more relevant to the Double Concerto, where Kremer and cellist Clemens Hagen engage in fruitful dialogue right from the opening exchanges. Fascinating new perspectives on a pair of over-familiar works.

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## Exile and isolation of rebels with causes

f, as is alleged, some people in London think that Les Miserables is a musical about a gloomy chap called Leslie, it would not be the first time that Victor Hugo has been misun-derstood. Royalists hailed him as a royalist and hated him as a republican; republicans revered him as a republican and spat on him as a royalist. He did not give them much help in getting it right. Like our present Prime Minister, he was mostly above such details.

His father was one of Napoleon's generals, and as a small boy he was taken to Spain, where General Hugo had ordered trai-tors' heads to be nailed round the church porches. But as a schoolboy he turned against both his father and the defeated Napoleon. His poetic genius, and his genius for success, soon declared themselves. In 1817, at the age of 15, he won a prize from the Académie Française for a poem on reading, and by the age of 18 he was bringing tears to the eyes of Louis XVIII (and getting a reward of 500 francs) for his ode on the death of the murdered Duc de Berry. Before the monarchy was finished he was a peer of the

For 65 years, his fame just grew and grew. He turned aside from

politics in his twenties and created French Romanticism, overturning all the classical restraints on form and vocabulary, and, bringing into being a world, as he said, "in which all words were equal". This period culminated in the performance of his play about a Spanish bandit, Hernani, at the Comédie Française in 1830. The battle between the disapproving old and the enthusiastic young spectators turned the theatre, as Graham Robb says, "into a boxing ring and public urinal". But the play played

Graham Robb tells the tremen dous story of Hugo's life quite brilliantly. He does not like Hugo very much, but he is perpetually amazed by him, and is often very witty. He watches Hugo "constructing his ego" from childhood on, and says that he ended up with a whole "limited liability company of egos". He watches the extended metaphors moving over Hugo's epic works "like weather systems",

In politics, especially, Hugo needed all his different egos. Though he had become a republican, by 1848 he was fighting the rebels on the barricades, declaring he loved the people but hated anarchy. But in 1851, when Louis-Napoléon triumphed bloodily on



Hugo: political waverings

the next barricades, Hugo withdrew to the Channel Islands for 18 years.' He went grandly into exile with the conviction that he was filling a vacancy", says Robb. For the whole of the Second Empire he fired devastating blasts across at Louis-Napoléon (now Napoleon III) in prose and verse. He thought the death threats he received "were as satisfying as a good review"; meanwhile, he got on with reams of poetry and vast panoramic

VICTOR HUGO By Graham Robb Picador, E20 ISBN 0 330 33107 6 ALBERT CAMUS By Olivier Todd Translated by Benjamin lvry Chatto & Windus, £20-158N 07011 6062 4

**Derwent May** on two giants of French

literature

novels. Yet it was still hard to know what his politics really were. Nor did his readers know where he stood on love and sex. A young virgin, he married Adéle, a neighbour's daughter, but soon gave up "innocence for indulgence", kept an actress-mistress for 50 years, and pursued laundresses and prostitutes almost till his dying. day, keeping coded notes on them all in his diary. (His wife became



the critic Charles-Augustin Sainte He wrote lyrics in praise both of the family and of uninhibited love.

Everything was contradiction. "He could talk for hours about concision". Robb observes - yet he gives us "inspiring lessons in the art of surviving one's own person-

in 1870, calling simultaneously for barbarous attacks on the Germans In 1871, he managed to keep the love both of the bourgeoisic and the Communards. When he died in 1885, he was given a 21-gun salute, was trundled at his own request through Paris in a shabby old truck before a crowd of two million and buried in the Pantheon. In Robb's last words in his long book, he was "the most lucid case of madness in literature".

livier Todd's life of Albert Camus could not be a greater contrast. Where Robb bounces about, joking and stage managing his story. Todd entirely conceals himself behind a bare narrative of facts. This is disastrous in the early chapters: the wonderful account that Camus gave of his Algerian childhood in his posthumous novel The First Man is reduced to a tedious precis.

However, Todd has had access to all Camus' letters and diaries, and this plain tale slowly begins to grip. It confirms, to my mind. what a good and attractive man Camus was - as well as being the best French writer in the Sartre circle, who began as his friends and ended as his enemies.

Politically, Camus was always

torn between his principled attachment to the Left and his distrust, which eventually became hatred, of the Communists and fellowtravellers who had virtually taken over the Left in France during the war. He was even more isolated once the Algerian War began. He wanted to see self-determination for the Arabs, but his heart was with his mother and the other poor French of Algeria, and he was as bitterly opposed to Arab terrorism as he was to French repression. All he could effectively do to show his feelings was to plead for elemency, for Arabs sentenced to death pure wimpishness in the eyes of the pro-Arab Communists.

The French may not have known where he stood, but unlike Hugo he always did, and his political books leave a legacy of lucid, if at that time impotent. thought. His novels, especially La Peste, take him into a different and greater realm. He had one thing in common with Hugo — his love for, and success with, women. When he died in a car crash in January 1960, he left behind him a wife and family, and three mistreses who were steady and loyal though they all knew about each other, including the great Spanish actress of the French cinema Maria Casarès.

## More and less than Zero

NO PERSON of the theatre could read the book without a mounting sense of recognition, sympathy, and horror. It is the reverse of the coin so classically presented in Moss Harr's Act One many decades ago; it is not the story of a success after long labour but of a disaster after equally long

it is also a hurt book, a sincere and puzzled book, about the relationship between a famous director, John Dexter, and a famous playwright, Arnold Wesker, who shared successes together in their early days and then came back to each other, as it were for the mounting of a fateful play that was called Shylock and lived to regret it, and be wounded by it, to the darkest

degree. Not only did the star, Zero Mostel, die after the first outof-town preview, but there was really no bad involved that did quickly go to we gods were against it.

It begins with all the easy sense of a partnership revived and ends with all the gearlocked misery of a partnership destroyed. In fact, the closing lan of the book, where after three months of preparation

### Sebastian Barry

THE BIRTH OF SHYLOCK AND THE DEATH OF ZERO MOSTEL By Arnold Wesker

the production is heading towards opening night in New York, is so fraught and dicey and painful there is such a Gothic reversal of fortunes for the playwright - in the presence of his wife and children that you're reading through your fingers, praying for a triumphant outcome in spite of everything.

All power to Arnold Wesker for writing this princely book, full of the drawbacks of being human and the disdain of the divine powers when they are inclined to crush a mortal venture underfoot. If it's any consolation, even 20 years after the trauma, he has made out of his diaries and papers of the time a copiously successful account of a dizzying failure, a classic book of the theatre that will be a wonder - and a warning - to all.



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## Imogen Stubbs on the sounds and silences of Doris Lessing



Doris Lessing: the second volume of her memoirs is a cooler, more outward-looking recollection of life than the first volume, Under My Skin

# Matters of the heart after matters of principle

always kept diaries until "by an accident" someone threw them all away. Since then I am so dis connected with my past self that whenever I try to remem-ber anything. I feel like the character in every PoW film who huddles in a corner with a makeshift transmitter clutched to his mouth, whispering "Hello London . . . hello London" - but never gets through the crackle.

Not so with Doris Lessing who confirms, with this secand volume of her autobiography, what we already know: that she is a disarmingly honest, funny writer with a fearless sense of vocation that has been a blessing for us and a mixed blessing for herself. Whenever I read an autobiography I wonder about the need behind the writing. Whether the writer is trying to

insinuate his or her way into our hearts, or whether there is a simple desire to add hardearned perceptions to the mass of human experience, or whether there is something closer to T. S. Eliot's "how can

I know what I think until I see what I say?" Autobiography can be a form of self-restitution for the writer's own benefit and peace of mind and as defence against luture biographers. In Under My Skin Lessing chronicles her childhood in the white heat of the Rhodesian sun and

Rhodesian politics by going

deep in the heart of herself; in

Walking in the Shade she seems to be cooler, more outward - as if recollecting this period of her life "from the shaded side of the street". "The whole process of writing is a setting at a distance. That is the value of it - to the writer and to the people who read the results of this process, which takes the raw, the individual, the uncriticised, the unexamined, into the realm of the

The book deals with many things - from Ken Tynan's whip collection to the BBC mispronouncing names and places "as a matter of princinle" - but overwhelmingly it attemnts to understand and make understood how communism dominated the intellectual life of the 1950s: "The (now) incredible and unforgivable fact that some of the most socially concerned, honeful for the future, dedicated souls connived at the crimes of the Communist World by refusing to recognise them, and then, by refusing to acknowledge

them. My mother was an idealistic young woman in London during these times and often spoke of them - but this is the first time I have not wanted to come back with incredulity and derision. Lessing suggests disquieting explanations that are not flattering, but they are persuasive. Sophocles wrote that love is a piece of ice clenched tight in the fist of a child. I think the love of

to this.

The book begins with Lesing arriving in London in 1949, a convinced radical and single mother, with one son. £150, and the typescript of her first novel, The Grass is Singing. It ends in the Sixties with her exploring various spiritual paths, becoming house-moth-er to many troubled youths, with a general shift towards prosperity, The Golden Notebook completed and everyone

In the years between, the politics and the immediate ensure her inclusion in the

> WALKING IN THE SHADE By Doris Lessing HarperCollins, £20 ISBN 0002550010

lashionable world of left wing politics (she is even an honorary angry young man), or as one lady referred to them "those furry little people". This, of course, does nothing to alleviate either her finances or the problems of being a single mother. But it does mean her involvement with many now legendary campaigns - including the Aldermarston marches, and the campaign for unilateral nuclear disarmament - and many now legendary people --Tony Richardson, Paul RobeKissinger, Joan Littlewood. And then there are those

vho become legendary in the telling, like Betty, the bishop's daughter with a penchant for anti-British militants in the Congo; and Miss Bell, the cleaning lady, who could never countenance sex, because in her youth some poor boy had eiaculated on her nonvipeable leather shoes.

Lessing's observations of the rare or non-committal refer frailties and strengths of the ences to them, and then many individuals she encounabruptly changes the subject. "But all this is outward." She ters reveal not only the gift for lays herself open to accusadetailed characterisation which distinguishes her as a tions of hypocrisy at moments novelist and playwright, but also the gift for "intimacy" which engendered so many which would otherwise have provoked sympathy - as with her references to Gottfried relationships in the first place. Lessing's heartless absentee parenting, or the failure of her The volume is divided into four sections named after her mother, or her abandonment respective addresses during by various lovers. I think, this period, and her homes ironically, that by giving more form the narrative centre from of herself away, at times she which all else emanates: in a would have better preserved sense the reader is invited to lodge with her. The book is not particularly well-shaped because life isn't - and much of her commentary takes on the discursive form of buile-

pletely unexpected.

t the end of Walking in the Shade, Lessing is still only in Liver forties, with at least half of her amazingly full tins or prefaced fragments life to tell. How much of her is "a scene", "a moment", "the glimpsed and known? There is Zeitgeist". For anyone requira fragment of Pablo Neruda ing more shape or "thickness through" to these moments, that seems to me to capture she is one of the lew writers her: "Bees, shadows, fire, snow, silence and foam, comwho can out "see novel" where others might put "see note". bining with steel and wire and But even her fragments are pollen...' compelling, and often com-

in Under My Skin Lessing describes leaving two small

children, and earned criticism

for not examining what she felt about it "It seemed to me

obvious that I was bound to be

unhappy, and any intelligent

reader would understand that

without ritual beatings of the

Nevertheless I think their

absence haunts Walking in

the Shade. She includes very

I am greatly looking forward to what more will come.

## Genius who made science into gold

Isaac Newton invent-ed that happy story in

order to conceal the

fact that his theory of gravita-

tion was the direct result of

alchemical experiment; he was

the "last sorcerer" who be-

lieved that the secret know-

ledge of the ancients could be recovered by reading occult texts and, according to his

latest biographer, by practis-ing the blacker arts of magic.

He came from a family of

Lincolnshire yeomen, born

without a father (who had died

a few weeks before) on Christ-

mas Day. Newton himself

often emphasised the miracu-lous aspect of his origin; if in later life he was treated by his contemporaries as a "demi-

god", in the words of Michael White, he was receiving the

only appropriate compliment. His family seems to have

been practically illiterate, but

the young Newton was en-

Grandson: He lived above an

apothecary's shop, devoured

religious pamphiets, and con-

structed elaborate models of

windmills and sundials; it is

perhaps suggestive that he never studied mathematics be-

fore he arrived at Cambridge,

but White suggests that at this juncture he discovered "the

principles of hard work and

dedication to learning". He

was also something of a prig.

with misanthropic tendencies; he first distinguished himself

at university by becoming a

But his self-imposed isola-

part-time moneylender.

Peter Ackroyd

ISAAC NEWTON The Last Sorcerer By Michael White Faurth Estate, E18.99 ISBN 1857024168

phy, despite Michael White's propensity for journalese and his occasional obeisance to the wonderful modern mind - as than those who came before us. We do not know more; we simply know different things. What is more striking, however, is the portrait of Newton which emerges in the course of this narrative. He was secretive and hypochondriacal; he was afflicted by paranoia and what White calls "almost demented self-motivation; he was obsessed by the colour of crimson and believed that the Universe was, in a real sense,

mental tude which can manage great leaps of speculation. He almost blinded himself by staring at the sun, and conducted, optical "experiments by inserting a kin behind his

eyeball. The laws of analytical geometry lay hid in night, until Newton said "Let calcu-

lus be" and all was light. At the age of 26 he was appointed as Professor of Mathematics but, even as he began his great career, he was immersed in less orthodox experiments: as White puts it, the Cambridge professor had also become the last wonderchild of the Magi". He believed alchemy to be the grand unifying principle of creation or, in other words, that "theory of everything" still pursued by contemporary physicists and cosmologists. He set up a furnace in his rooms at Cambridge, and entered what, was known as the "Invisible College" of adepts which was eventually transmuted into the

Thus did alchemy enter the modern world and Michael White suggests that earlier triumphs of magical experiment, the telescope and gunpowder, were quite outmatched by Newton's achievements in the sphere of the occult. He credits him with creating the conditions for the Industrial Revolution, and suggests that his lunar calculations were "at the heart of the computer programs employed by Nasa scientists". So the great magician set people to work and then sent them into space.

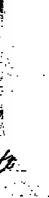
This is an informative and genuinely interesting biograHe was, in other words,

possessed by a powerful genius. He worked in silence and isolation, broken only by lerocious arguments with scientific colleagues. Then came the great triumph. In an intriguing passage, White recounts the nights when Newton watched with wonder as a comet iraversed the heavens; as he observed this bright form, he meditated upon the still occult notion of secret attraction or repulsion at a distance. Alchemy blended with the night sky to produce the great theory of gravitation. Gravity became his "Uni-

pounded its majesty in Principia Mathematica. He worked up on the project continually, scarcely bothering to eat or sleep. It is perhaps not surprising that he sufficient a termporary spell of

fore re-entering the work. White describes Newton as one of the twin pillars of the 'Age of Reason", together with his friend Locke, and it was perhaps inevitable that he felt drawn to a setting larger than that of his laboratory. The moneylender became a money-maker. He was appointed Warden of the Royal Mint and, in that capacity brought to the manufacture of coin all the precision and thoroughness of his experimental work; the sorcerer triumphed again, by creating the "scientific economy" which still exists. In turn he became the prosecutor of anyone who defied his inexorable laws. dispatching to the gallows all those who dipped or counterfeited the currency. He became, as it were, the master of ceremonies for the first capitalist state. Knowledge truly

was power. At the end of his life he declared that he would like to have "another touch at metais", but his work was done. It was perhaps in that spirit he refused to be given the last rites: he remained self-sufficient to the grave. He said that all his life he had been "only like a boy, playing on the sea shore" while beyond him. undiscovered, lay the great ocean of truth". But Newton was being unusually modest. he had, after all, recreated that truth in his own image.



Peter Stothard on Hadrian, the trendsetting autocrat who dumped his wife in Bath

# Emperor beyond the wall

Roman empire coins of the emperor Hadrian, they experienced a shock: their new ruler had a beard. For hundreds of years, the civi-lised Roman male had prided himself on a shaven face. Now their saviour and protector had a well-trimmed set of hair around his chin and looked like a Greek. What was the world coming to in AD 117?

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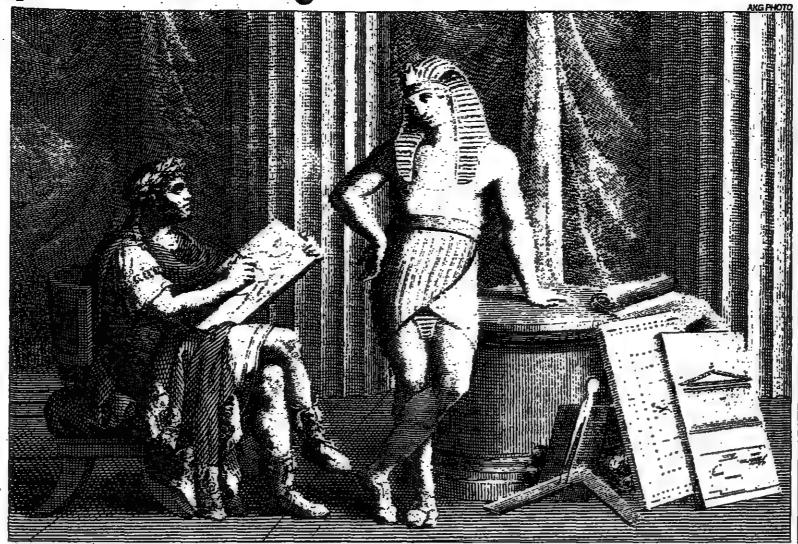
Within a few years the answer was clear. Most of the adult males who acknowledged Roman power became bearded and remained so for a century. Hadrian was a trendsetter. He held views on fashliterature, philosophy, economics and military affairs that powerfully influenced an age which Gibbon was to describe as the most happy and prosperous for the human race. He exerted his influence by means of the longest foreign journeys that any emper-Genius showing an intellectual and physical restlessness that gives Anthony Birley the title for his book. made scient

wanderlust are complex and have fascinated historians from the 4th century to the 20th. But Birley's is the first substantial biography in Eng-lish since 1923 and, while stronger on the chronology of travels than the criticism of art or ideas, it gives an up-to-date portrait of a recognisably modern monarch.

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Like most of his contemporaries. Hadrian was keen to escape the chains of a childhood spent in Rome under the vicious rule of Domitian. Birley cites a passage from the historian Cassius Dio in which senators were entertained to a dinner of black food, served by black boys, in a black room on a gravestone slab while the emperor intoned for hours about killings

Years of political purging much reduced the survivors' appetites for symbols of their imperial past. Out went shaven faces; out too went the works of Virgil, Horace and Lucan. In came the archalc writers of the Roman republican era, Ennius and Cato, whose language was less associated with the secret police. Like the young logeys of our own time. Hadrian's contemporaries would vie with each ...



Lord of 30 legions, but in thrall to one young man: Hadrian — in his fashionable beard — is pictured with his beloved Bythynian, Antinous

other in their peculiar brand of virtue. Even the old-fashioned historian Sallust was not oldfashioned enough. Latin itself seemed somehow tainted; better to study Greek. The provinces were smarter and more confident than Rome. And if all the new learning might seem too difficult, this was also the era of the anthology and

the good-dinner-party-guides - for those who wanted to make modern conversation without the bother of reading too many old books.

Hadrian's chief military strategy was to reject the ideas of his immediate predecessor. Treian; to avoid starting wars, to shrink the empire's boundaries and establish clear defensible lines to mark off the Roman people from the rest. His economic policy was to cut taxes, liberate provinces and individuals from debt, and, as Dio puts it in anticipation of a later reformer from the land south of Hadrian's Wall. "to have a grasp of the national exchequer as total as the careful housewife has of her kitchen". For all the success of these policies, it was sensual and intellectual pleasure that seem to have come first. .

He was an enthusiastic

homosexual. He took his wife with him on his travels only to ensure that she was not plotting to supplant him at home: offspring of his would harm the human race", she once said, justifying her failure to become pregnant. On a trip to the great wall in Britain, by which his name is now best known; he dumped her at Bath; there she is said to have solaced herself with the sexual attentions of the historian Stietonius. On a trip to Egypt she may have shown her own

HADRIAN The Restless Emperor By Anthony Birley Routledge, £40 ISBN 041516544X

flexibility in a lesbian affair with the poet Julia Balbilla. The great love of Hadrian's

own life was for the Bythynian boy Antinous whose death by drowning in the river Nile in AD 130 remains one of the most alluring mysteries in imperial history. Was it the suicide of a young man who no longer had boyish appeal for his master? Had the Egyptian gods demanded Hadrian's death and had Antinous offered himself in the emperor's place? Did Hadrian have Antinous murdered to save himself from the prophets of his doom? Whatever the cause,

Hadrian named a new city after the boy, promulgated his memory in coins and elevated him to the gods. Love? Guilt? Remorse? Birley gives a judi-cious account of the options before leaving the final an-

swers to Marguerite Yourcen-

ar and the modern romancers. Life with Hadrian was clearly not easy. He could be charming and rarely forgot a name or face. He allowed the poet Florus to write witty verses satirising his British travels - and even responded with a critique of the poet's pub-crawling. But like many artistic statesmen he allowed only a degree of licence to the thinkers around him. His pet Gallic philosopher Favorinus was once criticised for giving way too easily to the emperor's grammatical views: "you must allow me to consider him more learned." Favorinus replied.

"for he is the lord of 30 Hadrian's original claim to

the throne was far from perfect. He had to deal briskly with early rivals, executing four ex-consuls and only showing atonement in the security his reign's end. By the time of his own death, however, he had left behind a 19-word poem addressed to his soul that is both fashionably archaic in tone and arguably superior to any literary work in history by a man of such power. John Donne, Lord Byron, Henry Vaughan and Stevie Smith have all left versions of "animula, vagula, blandula, hospes comesque corporis" and it remains a piece as characteristic as anything that this polymath emperor contributed to his own time and to ours - more so

py space and time?
If I understand Scruton

Taste for the food of love

Jonathan Sacks sweeps from

coloratura to Cobain

nations. A musical tone is part part in a rather unusual Jewish-Christian dialogue between a class of rabbinical students and a group of African bishops. For three days we exchanged learned lectures on theology. There was an atmosphere of distant courtesy, as if strangers were trying to be polite to one another. In an attempt to break through to our common humanity, I suggested that for the last evening, instead of yet another exposition of doctrine, we taught each other our favourite songs. It worked. For

For me music has always been something of a mystery, an enchanted world not unlike that of religious faith, pointing to something real yet inexpressible in any other language than its own. Like other enthusiastic philistines, I prefer to enjoy it without trying to spell out in words what it is I am enjoying. There is some-thing self-sufficient about listening to a symphony or string quartet that threatens to make philosophical reflection rather

like trying to explain the point of a joke. The experience is lost in the explanation.
Roger Scruton was the right person to wake us out of our conceptual slumbers. A formidably gifted philosopher, he here combines analytical rigour with a daunting knowledge of the repertoire as a performer and occasional composer, to ask the most fundamental questions about what music is and what our capacity to enjoy it tells us

hours we sang together. It was an object lesson in the power

of music to create community.

about the human condition. Philosophers tend to ask questions that the rest of us find odd and normally take for granted. Much of The Aesthetics of Music is taken up by inquiries of this kind. What is a piece of music? A series of sounds that could adequately be described by a scientific description of changing vibrations in the air? Or is it something quite different, a communication that can only be created, understood and shared by rational beings capable of imagination? Is music a language, and if so what does it communicate? In a movement, what moves? How exactly does music occu-

correctly, music is sound heard in a special way, much as a word is only recognised by the speaker of a language. It is an essentially human phenomenon, created and responded to by ordered imagiof a sequence governed by intentions, not causes. In this respect it is like a language. but not quite. Its component parts are too dependent on context to have separable meanings and rules of combination. Instead, like architecture, it is a series of traditions, within which we participate as members of a community. recognising styles and finding delight in variations.

There is something too which makes the aesthetic experience akin to religious experience. Music seems to hover on the brink of the inexpressible, inviting us into

> THE AESTHETICS **OF MUSIC** By Roger Scruton OUP, £35 ISBN 0 19 816638 9

a world of its own, the "point of intersection of the timeless with time". Even the most rudimentary attempt to talk about it is laden with metaphor - a melody rises and falls, cascades or falters, but there is no space within which these things happen. Listening to music, as when we perform a religious ritual, we engage in a search for meaning and strain to hear "the distant voices of the tribe". Music makes articulate the otherwise hidden form of our shared emotions.

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This is rich and rewarding study, and I doubt whether anyone could have done it better. The density of the argument is relieved by Scruton's mastery of illustrative detail and his acerbic obiter dicta on everything from the lyrics of Kurt Cobain to the social setting of the gavotte. Above all, though, he has produced a work of philosophy at its most expansive. light-years removed from the logic-chopping of a generation ago. For Scruton, music pro-vides us with a glimpse of the human subject released from the world of objects, joining "dance of sympathy" which redeems us from our "Words still go softly out

towards the unsayable," wrote Rilke, "and music, always new, from paipitating stones/ Builds in useless space its godly home." Scruton, in this ambitious work, has given us a masterly insight into the architecture of tonality and why its "useless space" matters as a home of the human



# Criticism is not a novel experience

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SHADOW MEET

By Emilie Schindler with

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workers. Emilie handled that

negotiation. The general was

her old swimming teacher, she

got her permit, and some

But the women were to be

sent to Auschwitz. The

Schindlers asked an old

friend, Hilde, to help. With

her contacts, she succeeded,

but no-one knows how, or

lews' lives were saved.

retrospect, its uses.

DIDEROT, Anita Brookner informs us en passant, considered that the critic's jeb was dull and flat. He spoke as a novelist who found that the day job obstructed the pursuit of the Muse. For Anita Brookner there seems to be no such conflict. The novels come out year by year, like roses, and the art history and literary. criticism can be spotted in newspapers like solitary swallows, now gathered up here into a lively flock.

Michéle Roberts

SOUNDINGS By Anita Brookner Harvill, £16 LSBN 1 86046 388 6

We eavesdrop on Brookner's impassioned conversations with some of the great icons, and equally great failures, of the Romantic era. So we meet poor Louise Colet, thinking that the way to Flaubert's heart was to turn up unannounced and ask to meet his mother, and the astonishing Madame de Stael, who wanted to be crowned as a goddess, and Theophile Gautier's daughter Judith who be-lieved that she was spiritually Japanese and wrote a guide to Tokyo without ever leaving Paris. Those, of course, were the heydays of Oriental-ism, and these fantasies have not worn well. Nonetheless, these hapless eccentrics spring to sharp and glum life in Brookner's pages.
Part of the pleasure of this book

comes from discerning the romantic novelist hiding behind the critic of Romanticism. Beginning her review of a book about Rosa Bonheur. Brookner tells us that "abroad, in provincial cities, indolent and homesick, one turns, as ever, to the museum. When one is in this mood, great masterpieces no longer serve their purpose: they are too important. too strenuous; they belong to a world outside one's own. From long experience one learns to follow the arrow which says Ecole française XIXe. siècle, and there on the attic floor ... whose confidence,

unattenuated by years of public neglect, will somehow shoulder one through until teatime." It's a shock to discover that we're not inside the pages of A Start in Life or Hôtel du Lac. Perhaps this is the intellectual underpinning of her fiction, the steel hoop under the crinoline. She writes feelingly of these forgotten painters: They match one's nostalgia for simple rules, simple illustrations, simple nourishment." Her novels mourn that too.

Brookner as a moralist can be brisk and fastidious. I admire her encyclopaediac sentences, whose pronouncements seem papal in their confident summing-up. She's like Penelope, fobbing off her suitors, offering a tight weave of words, inviting you to jab with your crochet hook and re-ravel her; and then she's

#### Concentrating on the 19th century. Brookner writes authoritatively about painters such as Gericault, Ingres and Delacroix, and all kinds of writers, from Rousseau to the weird guy who invented the Scarsdale diet. Gathering up one's journalism is sometimes criticised as polboilerish: in Brookner's case the result is a treat. Each-review sounds more like an original essay. THE SECTIMES - BOOKSHOP

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wwn called Alt-Molestein, in Moravia. She had a happy, unremarkable childhood and went on to an agricultural school. There she met a Jewish girl, Rita Gross, who became a close friend. Emilie Schindler. records how Rita was brutally murdered by the army com-mander at Alt-Molestein. She ponders on how he was later executed by the Russians: "perhaps to make us believe that eventually there is some divine justice, though it often does come too late."

Very young, she married the colourful Oskar Schindler. He was handsome, flashy, extravagant, and constitutionally unfaithful. At least one of his mistresses, Viktoria Klonowska, had excellent contacts with high authorities, and improved Oskar's connections with the Gestapo". This is the sort of hald comment Emilie Schindler often makes. Her husband's behaviour ob-



Happy, for a time: Emilie and Oskar Schindler in 1942

Amon Goeth wanted to close. the Plaschow camp and send its occupants to Auschwitz. Schindler began to confide in what became of her. Emilie his wife. He had been offered a Schindler says: "I think this factory in Brünnlitz, but had book provides a good opportuto persuade Goeth and then nity to offer this extraordinary the Brumnlitz quartermaster woman recognition for all she general that he could take his

The same could be said for Emilie Schindler. She nursed "her" Jews, and worked tirelessly with Oskar to save them. After the war they ended up in Argentina — where, ultimately, he aban-doned her. She is bitter, for she was poor and alone. But now, at nearly 90, she has help, and good connections

with the Jewish community with friends. She has also had recognition - a visit to the Pope, to the Chief Rabbi of Rome, to the President of Germany, and a German Order of Merit

But what is she left with? She does not regard herself as a heroine, but through her hundreds of people survived. Though ordinary, she be-haved like a good human being in extreme circumstances, without fuss. That is heroic, in my terms. And there

## THE TIMES DILLONS FORUM

## An evening with P.D. James

P.D. James. Britain's most popular crime novelist. will discuss her highly successful career, her life as a writer and her characters. including the famous Commander Adam Dalgliesh—the subject of a major TV series—in The Times/Dillons forum on Thursday, October 23. Chaired by Peter Stothard, Editor of The Times, the forum also offers the opportunity for the audience to put questions to Baroness James. The forum marks the publication of her new book A Certain Justice (Faber

and Faber £15.99 and will be held at the Institute of Education, 20 Bedford Way, London WCI at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (concession £7.50) which includes £2 off the price of the book. Subject to demand this event will be interpreted by sign language.

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## Woodward faces selection headache

By David Hands, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

INTROSPECTION has never been a particularly English custom but that is what the players will be doing next month as they parade their skills against the best the southern hemisphere can offer. This is the time to study ourselves." Clive Woodward said at Bisham Abbey yesterday. "It's a big learning opportunity for all of us."

Woodward, the England coach, now has something close to the squad of players he wants, rather than the one he inherited, and the seven representative matches between November 15 and December 6 will allow him to run as thorough a rule as possible over them. Of the 40-strong squad gathered at Bisham, most, if not all, can look to appearances against New Zealand during that time, either in the two internationals or the three development teams which will face the All Blacks at Huddersfield, Leicester and

Whatever the name says -Emerging England, an England Rugby Parternship XV or England A — Woodward will have the major input so that the greatest number of players pressing for international status can be exposed to the southern-hemisphere challenge. "The hardest part of the job is selection," he said. That's the biggest thing you do as a coach.

One player he knows will be unavailable is Jeremy Guscott, the Bath centre, who described himself as "devastated" that he will miss all the pre-Christmas internationals

RUGBY Football League (RFL) officials are to consider

reverting to two divisions next year. The likelihood of clubs

merging and encouraging moves to set up new fran-

chises in areas such as South

Wales and Scotland has re-

opened the debate over the

The RFL council decided

ix weeks ago that any

changes would not come into

effect until 1999, but the newly reconstituted board of direc-

tors has asked Super League

clubs to examine the possibili-

ty of scrapping three divisions

structure of the game.

because of a disc problem in his back. "Guscott on top form would definitely have been in the team," Woodward said. "but we can't afford to lose sleep over it.
"If you want to play a

certain way, outside centre is a key position. Either you reassess your thinking or you look for another player who can cope with that position."
Phil de Glanville, England's

captain, has proved as adaptable as anyone during his international career while Will Greenwood played outside centre when he began his career with Leicester, before taking on responsibilities closer to the scrum, which helped him into last summer's British

Isles tour party.

Woodward perceives the coming month, when England play Australia and South Afri-ca, as well as New Zealand, as the equivalent of a domestic tour, keeping his top 36 players together for as long as possible. That should be good news for England, if not for the leading clubs whose prime assets will be away and therefore reduce gate receipts.

Coincidentally, at a time when England's leading administrators, both from the clubs and the Rugby Football Union, are considering the possibility of a first division split into two conferences of eight clubs each, the French are thinking of going in the e top 20 clubs in France are divided into two pools who come together in a knockout phase after the five nations'

championship is over. However, in response to a perceived threat from Bernard

RUGBY LEAGUE

Huddersfield may be the first

winner in game's overhaul

By Christopher Irvine

unhappy about staging just li

home Super League matches and that may persuade RLE to increase the number of



Chris Sheasby, Neil Back and Mark Regan in training for England yesterday; they are part of a 40-strong squad

Lapasset, the president of the French Rugby Federation, that a regional competition should be introduced, the clubs have agreed this week to recommend the formation of a top tier of professional clubs playing in one united division. Only Grenoble were missing

from the meeting in Toulouse which seeks to persuade Lapasset to abandon his regional theory.

You cannot ask the clubs to be more professional and say on the other hand that a provincial competition will

Revol, the president of Castres, said. Should we go on taking such risks when we have already taken so many? Provincial rugby is not adapted to the culture and reality of

Brive, the best of French

the Heineken Cup, have arranged their play-off match with Pontypridd in this season's competition for November I: Cardiff will play Llanelli on the same day and it is likely Glasgow will also go ahead on

#### BOWLS

## Booth misses out on jackpot with his last-ditch gamble

By DAVID RITYS JONES

dirch it with his first bowl. The

ploy failed, however. Booth

revert to the draw shot. The

crowd loved it, but, as far as

Booth was concerned, the chance had gone and Duff

with a single.

More drama followed, as

ed the jack and had to

WHILE Hugh Duff's exciting victory over Neil Booth enthralled a capacity attendance at the Preston Guild Hall yesterday and earned him a place in the quarter-finals of the Bupa Care Homes Open, a spate of full houses on the portable rink enlivened the match hetween Richard Corsie and Neil Burkett.

When this arena is full. bowls, not renowned as a spectator sport, becomes theatre, and the skill of the world's best players inspires a reverential hush, punctuated by the occasional cough and choruses of oohs and axis.

Yesterday, it seemed, a scriptwriter had been hired to add twists of fate, dramas and denouements to heighten the

Duff, the holder, settled briskly, pocketing the first set 7-1 against the Irish champi-on, but the roles were reversed in the second set, Booth hitting back to win 7-4.At 6-6 in the deciding set, Booth set

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mum count against Burkett tongues wagging by setting a short jack and attempting to only to drop a full house on the second end, before taking the first set 7-4 with a treble or the third end. Yet another full house put Corsie in control in the second set, but Burkett, a tenacious South African, levelled the match with a 7-6 win. stepped in to claim victory

Corsie, who has won the world indoor singles title three times, was the complete ing Burkett a double on the third end, but scoring shots on six of the seven ends for a 7-4.

6-7, 7-2 victory.
The entry of Tony Allcock had speciators agog, because the world outdoor champion, though seeded fifth here, still exudes the air of the leading man. But a shock was in store, for he was upstaged by John Price, a slender Welshman, who drew to the jack superbly and completed his 7-0, 7-3 victory with a sizzling take-

Results, page 45

## Bailey adds his-name to list of creditors

BY JOHN GOODBODY

**ATHLETICS** 

DONOVAN BAILEY, the Olympic 100 metres champion, is among the foreign athletes who yesterday emerged as creditors of the British Athletic Federation (BAF).

As the UK Sports Council hosted an emergency meeting in London over the plight of the BAF, which is in administration, the Canadian sprinter joined British competitors such as Linford Christie and Roger Black, who await

A spokesman for Bailey said yesterday: "We have been paid for all the meetings in Britain except one and that was the event at Crystal Palace on August 17 between Britain and an international select team. Several of our athletes, including Donovan. took part. We were promised last week that we would

receive the money. Black, Kelly Holmes and Colin Jackson, who are all board members of the British Athletes Association will meet in Birmingham today to discuss their action. Shaun Pickering the international shot putter who is also a board member, said that the meeting had been scheduled for some time but "obviously it takes on an added importance now":

He said that the less well known British athletes had airady been paid for meetings this year and it was the stars

who were the creditors. Pickering said that it was essential that there was only one body. "Otherwise there is no future for the sport. You cannot go on with lots of different organisations pull-

ing the sport apart."
He added: "Some of the blame must be attached to the grass roots because they have been unwilling to support themselves."

Pickering was backed by John Lister, the first BAF treasurer, who said: "We identified two or three real opportunities to raise money et because of all the infight ng and backbiting on the federation, they were ignored.
"I wanted BAF to instigate

a national registration scheme that we felt could raise up to 4500,000 a year. There was also a call to resurrect the national awards sponsored."

Lister, who resigned as treasurer 18 months ago, added: "I certainly don't derive any pleasure from the fact that I forecast this disaster and warned the BAF directors. There was no will on the board of directors of the BAF to face up to realities."

Sir Rodney Walker, the acting chairman of the UK. Sports Council, said: "Whilst the sports councils across the UK are committed to assisting in whatever way we can, what we will not do is use public. funds to pay off old debts."

## which mainta European badminton coup for Scotland

SCOTLAND was yesterday awarded the European badminton championships for the year 2000 to be held in Edinburgh. The announce-ment came only four months after Glasgow staged the largest event in the history of the sport, the 68-nation world

championships.

The award of the European championships is a further triumph for the Scottish Badminton Union, which hosted the European zone of the Thomas and Uber Cups world team championships in Glasgow in 1994 and a particularly successful European championships at the same Kelvin Hall venue in 1992.

#### Gittins power

Powerbeating: A world record and two national records were broken on Windermere yesterday in the third day of the Powerboat Record Attempts Week. Andrew Gittins, 30, of Bromsgrove, set a world mark of 83.76mph in the OCR A class for offshore racing circuit boats of over 1800cc, overtaking Martyn Rendall, of Taunton, who, having broken the record the day before, had raised it to 82.74mph earlier:

The two national records came from Jon Fuller, of Shepperton, Middlesex, with a speed of 79.37mph in the new Touring offshore class, and John Lindsay, of Southamp ton, who achieved 71.22mph in the Bibon Formula II rigid inflatable class.

#### Spain sparkle

Hockey: Spain trounced Holiand 5-2 in the six-nation Champions' Trophy in Adelaide yesterday to dent the Olympic champions bid to defend their title. Germany, the European champions, moved into second place on seven points, two behind Australia, the unbeaten hosts, with a 3-1 win over the Asian champions, South Korea.

### Mighty Marlins

Basebail: The Florida Marlins, in only their fifth year, powered past the Atlanta Braves 7-4 to win the National League finals and qualify for the World Series.

## Slight switch

Motor racing: Aaron Slight, the world superbike motor-cylce rider, switches to racing on four wheels at Donington Park on Sunday in the winnertakes-all £25,000 RAC Tourist Trophy.

### Mixed quest

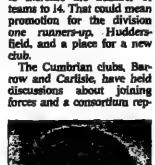
Table tennis: The International Table Tennis Federation has submitted a request to Juan Antonio Samaranch, the International Olympic Committee president, that mixed doubles be added to the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

### with immediate effect. "There are a number of matters that we have referred

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back to Rugby League Europe (RLE) for discussion," Sir Rodney Walker, the RFL chairman, said, "We're asking them to consider things such as new teams and the rimber of teams in Super League and whether it is a possibility to go to two divisions next year." Some clubs are said to be

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Robinson: under contract

es at Bootham Crescent. An eventful week for Martin Crompton, who withdrew from the Great Britain squad for the series against Australia next month and then rehimself, ended yesterday in a move by the Ireland scrum half from Oldham Bears to Salford

resenting York is believed to have made an offer to take

over Hull KR and play match-

Reds Crompton, 28, joined Salford as a free agent on a two-year contract after Oldham's

> liquidation. No amouncement on the availability to Great Britain of Jason Robinson and Gary Connolly for the opening international, at Wembley on November 1, is expected by the Australian Rugby League (ARL), to whom the Wigan pair are contracted, until after the world club championship final early tomorrow Aucidand.

move into voluntary



## Helping hand for

land, the world championship leader, finished third in his

'It was logical." he said. McRae and Liani had

swapped the lead continually during the day with no more than six seconds between them before the controversial finish. The start was typical. McRae erased one second from Liato's overnight lead in the first special stage of the day and went one second in front of the Italian on the third special. Liatti was four seconds faster than McRae in the 21st stage, briefly reclaiming

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## Gold Cup rivals clash

COOME HILL could face a rematch with Mr Mulligan at Wincanton a week today. Walter Dennis, the trainer of Coome Hill, has stated his intention to return the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup winner to action in the Desert Orchid South West Pattern Chase, which is also the target for Mr Mulligan, the Chelten-ham Gold Cup winner. But Dennis is keen not to rush his eight-year-old, who has not run since finishing well beaten behind Mr. Mulligan at Cheltenham in March.





# MOTOR RALLYING

# McRae

COLIN McRAE was handed victory in the Rally of San Remo yesterday by his team-mate, Piero Liatti, keeping the Scot's faint hopes of winning the world title alive.

McRae trailed his Subaru

colleague Liatti by four sec-onds after the 25 special stages, but the Italian then allowed McRae through to win by six seconds.

Tommi Makinen, of Fin-

Mitsubishi Lancer, two sec-onds in front of his title rival, Carlos Sainz, of Spain, in a Ford Escort. The Italian. Liatti, acting under team in-structions, failed to pass the final control point within the required time and was given a ten-second penalty - giving

McRae victory.

David Richards, who owns Prodrive which commissions the Subaru team, said afterwards it had not been an easy or a difficult decision to make.

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## RACING: TOP APPRENTICE AIMING FOR REPEAT CESAREWITCH WIN ON INCHCAILLOCH

# Ffrench maintains momentum

By CHRIS MCGRATH

AS THE runners struggle through the closing stages of the Tote Cesarewitch, 24 miles seems plenty far enough. After all, this is the race that famously starts in Cambridge and finishes in

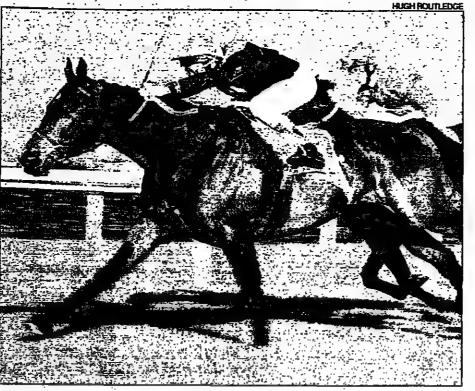
When Royston Ffrench won last year's running Inchcailloch, however, knew that he had barely begun a much longer journey. It would do honour to his further progress since if, at Newmarket on Saturday, the

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Nap: SILK ST JOHN (3.40 Newmarket) Next best: Gaelic Storm (3.10 Newmarket)

partnership could become the first to win successive runnings of the race in its 158year history.

For, in securing the apprentice jockeys' championship on 67 winners, he stands 16 clear of Martin Dwyer - he has not only had to win races. He has had to take the race out. of racing. Until his breakthrough, there were as many coloured jockeys in the weighing room as there are jockeys with moustaches. Nobody harbours any dark suspicions about the prejudice against facial hair, however, and Firench, 22, is adamant that



he has never been thwarted by anything more sinister than his own immaturity.

This Shropshire lad, son of a Jamaican father, is emphatic. "I've never had any prob-lem whatsoever." he said. "Everyone has always been helpful and supportive, all the way down the line." Racing is a more cosmopolitan sport

than its conservative image

allows, and Ffrench's rise

shows it to recognise that cultural diversity preserves a society from stagnation.

Under the tutelage of an Italian trainer, Luca Cumani (who previously nurtured the talents of Frankie Dettori and Jason Weaver), with a ground-ing from the British Racing School, and working winters in California, Ffrench is very much a jockey for today. He certainly looks like one, sa-

vouring the deft, lissom style imported from America, and given such vogue by Dettori. Every day at Mr Cumani's, you are riding good horses and learning about how much you've got under you. And Mr Cumani watches even my outside rides and tells me if I've done anything wrong.

Now I face my next big challenge. I've only 12 more competing on level terms. Why should a trainer put up a jockey just out of his apprenticeship when he can get Frankle?

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But you should never stop learning. I always try to improve myself, listen to people, watch everything I do from the basics up. As an athlete, you should be ever evolving. You only get out of the game what you put into it, and you only get one chance. I nearly missed that chance in two dead-end jobs lin a factory

and a garagej."

Firench knows that he needs to sustain the momentum of his career by stumbling across a good horse next year. For now, he can ask no more than for another surring effort from Inchcailloch, who has been in the game longer than him, and built up a public following with his valiant endeavours both on the Flat and steeplechasing. "He had a setback after winning the Queen's Prize, and was off for some time afterwards. But he ran very well over a trip short of his best at Newmarket the other day," Ffrench said.

With a composure and dignity consistent with a physically slight young man, one short of a black belt in karate, you get the impression that Ffrench treats Inchcailloch as some sort of role model. He may not have encountered discrimination, but he is certainly not expecting any

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## Silk St John to gain NEWMARKET smooth success

NEWMARKET CHANNEL 4

2.05: Aerleon Pete, a progressive three-year-old, looks sure to be involved in the finish. After winning a maiden at Windsor two months ago, Michael Stoute's runner followed up with a six-length victory at Goodwood before improving again at Haydock last time. The Caerleon colt stayed on strongly from a poor position in a slowly run race to finish third and can resume winning ways here. The Dilettanti would have claims on his early season form but may not be able to dominate, and Solo Mio and Heritage are bigger dangers.

2.35: Both Blue Kite and Love Again appeared to show im-. proved form on the all-weather at Wolverhampton last time when finishing first and second. Brian Meehan had five entered for this race but relies on Dernier Croise, who improved to win a claimer under top weight at Lingfield 13 days ago. He took on decent opposition, including Xaar, in France during the summer and may be leniently treated. Kheyrah and The Downtown Fox have sound form claims.

3.10: The soft ground at Ascot last Saturday saw Dancethenightaway bounce back to her Any overnight rain would help her cause. Mark John-

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## TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ston runs both Tadeo and Gaelic Storm but, interestingly, Jason Weaver rides Gaelic Storm; who is still on the upgrade. Winner of three of his last four starts — and fifth in the Ayr Gold Cup - the Shavian colt possesses plenty of pace and should be suited by this stiff five furlongs. :

3.40: Yalta made all the running when winning at Kempton last month but only just held on from the fastfinishing Silk St John. Mick Ryan's runner subsequently ran respectably in the Cam-bridgeshire, finishing six lengths behind the winner, on ground which was unsuitably. fast. Today's easier surface should suit and he can quicken well at the end of a race as he showed when winning on the July course II weeks ago. Jay Owe Two showed im-proved form to win at Pontefract and should be thereabouts along with Consort.

RICHARD EVANS

2.40 (1m 54yd) 1, Declaive Action (T Curn. 12-1); 2, Jeacam (7-1); 3, Wadd (5-6 tas) 13 ran 41, 356. P Cole Totle: \$21.90; 53.30, 52.10, 21.10 DF \$46.40 CSF. \$22.99; 53.30, (1m 54yd) 1, Cornache (T Curn. 11-10 lav), 2, Echeardian (20-1); 3, Ei El (11-1), 12, srn. Sri hd, 21 P Cole Totle: \$1.50, £1.10, £3.10, £2.30 DF \$20.60 CSF \$29.69.

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27 60. DF: £750. Inc. £752.00. CSP: £7407.

4.40 (Im & I Syd) 1. Moon Colony (Paul Eddery S-1); 2. Royal Crown (evers tay), 3. To To (12-1) 15 nat. Hd. 8 Lady Hernes Tote £9 00. E320. £1 00. \$4.00. DF: £180. The £15 90. CSF: £11.16.

5.10 (2m 9yd) 1. Theme Arena (M Henry P1), 2. Cay Hal (5-1), 3. Contains (4-1 tay) 14 nat. MR: Random Kindness, Ranger Stoene. Tormyr Tottose. £14.3 3/5. M. Pype. Tote. £10.30. £2 10. £2.00. £300 DF: £2.50. Tho. £98.30 CSF: £50.25. Thosas: £198.99.

5.40 (Im H 213yd) 1. Wave Rock (M Rimmer, 4-1); 2. Jamorin Dancer (100-30 tay) 3. Casno Ace (7-2). 11 str. NFL barzap Fiyer, Were Not Stoppin. Nk. 294. J Dunien. Toter £4.90. £110. £150. £150. DF. £0.70. The £13.40 CSF: £15.36. Ousdpot: £3.20.

3.10 Twice As Sharp 3.40 Sualtach

4.15 Generous Terms 2.35 Golden Strategy firmekeeper's top rating: 4.50 SILVERANI.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Haritage, 2.35 PERSIANO (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT TOTE JACKPOT MEETING

1,30 Oh So East

2.05 Heritage

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2.05 FAKENHAM RATED HANDICAP

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13	1101	62230	MUCLEAR DEBATE 14 (BF) (J Chester) Mrs. J Ramadon 9-5 . J Fortune	98
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17			GOLDEN STRATEGY 30 (F) (C Test R Harmon 8-11 . Done O'Nest	105
18	(2)	625	THE DOWNTOWN FOX 18 (6 Whiteless) 8 Met/John 8-9 . 8 Sanders	100
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10			DEMOLITICAL JO 6 (V.F) (J Pugh) P Evers 8-8 J F Eggs	105
11	(1)	043	DANCING WOLF 25 (Art. I Hayes) Gay Kalleney 8-8 J Red	65
2	(5)	232	LOWE AGAIN 18 IX Padeinte) M. Boll 8-6	93
3	(14)		MAYASSIR 13 (Hal-Marthum) C Benslead 8-6 J Owns	17
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6	(tri)	486	SARA MOON CLASSIC 33 (V) (Higherove Lie) K McAulifie 7-13 H Phroch (3)	91
7	(6)	0421530	MEANS BUSINESS 48 (B.F.) (Thatlor II) B Martin 7-12 . Martin Dispor	110
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## 3.10 OLIVIER DOUBER MEMORIAL RATED HANDICAP 64

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402	{7} 50-8000	THE PLOZIER 36 (D.G.S.) (Listy Richard Wellesley) B Hills 6-9-5		87
403	(17) 1062605	BEDIAN SPARK 17 (D.F.S) IF Brady) J Bokes 3-9-4 R	Cociesne	- 83
404		BOWDEN ROSE 13 (B,C,D,F,G) (G Basley) M Blanchard 5-9-3 D So	waterey (3)	97
405		DOUBLE SPLENDOUR 29 (F.G.S) (Yestshire RC 1990) P Felicate 7-9-2 A		83
406	(8) 205d440	BOLD EFFORT 26 (B.F.S) (A Richards) I. Commentam-Brown 5-9-1	K Faton	96
407	4) 5200622	CROFTERS CELLOH 18 (D.F.G.) (Ltc. M Medianos) B McMahon 5-9-1	3 Staders	田
408	(5) 9023061	DANCETHENGHTAWAY 5 (D.F.S) (G. Bosley) B Meetian 3-8-13 (Gu)	Reg	贮
409	(12) -801151	GAELIC STORM 18 (D.F.G.S.) (H.C. Raeang Club) M Johnston 3-8-11	J Weaver	102
410	(13) 0400050	HELLO MISTER 14 (D.F.G.S) (B Master) T Powell 6-8-11 P M	ECabe (3)	96
411	(10) 1441205	STATEMENT MESSAGN 5 (D.F.G.St (D. Drommon), No. J. Nurskam 5-5-10	J forging	90
412	(9) T230300	TWICE AS SHARP 18 (D.F.G) (Formula Teature) P Harris 5-8-9	. T Output	97
413	(2) 0001005		Mckepen	97
414	(14) 0520015	MARCH CRUSADER 33 (F,S) (M a)-Maltourn) B Harbury 3-8-7	₩ Ryae	- 94
415	(15) 9000304	REPERTORY 5 (D,G) (M Saundors) M Saunders 4-8-7	S Drowne	М
416	(11) 2320122	ANSELLMAN 5 (B,CD,F,6,S) (Area is of Washard) J Berry 7-8-7 C L	जन्मील (५)	110
417	(18) 1010040	THE GAY FOX 25 (D.F.S.) (6 Whitsker) B McMuhon 3-8-7	L Detton	100
419	(2) 1-00000	URSA MAJOR 19 (K. Bake) P hellengy 3-8-7	موانيات أر	79
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BETTING: 13-2 Suprese Missaco. 7-1 Bonden Rose, Desceinengritanen, 8-1 Crokers Cellich Arealin Tades, Gaelle Storm, 12-1 others 1906: ARDRECHT ESCAPE 3-8-12 IL Carible (25-1) C Wall 22 Inn

Tardeo beat Croflers Geliidh (11b better off) neck in 51 koltingham stakes (good). Indian Spark 479-15th to Brave Edge in 61 Hamulton stakes (good). Indian Spark 479-15th to Brave Edge in 61 Hamulton stakes (good). Bowden Rose beat Placar D'Amour 1341 in 61 Newmarket handicap (good in firm) with Dencetheringhtaway (3th better off) 334-15th. Doubte splendour 1341 and 51 Aspat handicap (heavy) with Repertory (1th better off) 314-15th. Doubte stakes (good). Netby listers 815-15th Gaetic Storm beat Aftest The Bear 251 in 61 Catelyta Irmited stakes (good). Netby listers 815-15th 61 acts 15th 50 Doubter off) 314-15th in 61 Catelyta Irmited (good). Netby listers 815-15th 61 81 to Dentary 84e in 31 Newmarket Listed stakes (good). Lago Di Varano 1341-5th to Occhung Blue in 515-1 Doncaster handicap (good to brim) with Tadeo (11b better off) 241-17th, Hebb atksiter (7th better off) 314-19th, Twice As Strapp 15th better off) 444-1 12th. Repertory (Reeks) 654-1 14th, The Puzzler (3th better off) 613th, Bowden Rose (4th worse off) 641-16th, Indian Spark (4th better off) 71-7 th and Surprise Mission (2th better off) 913-70th March Catesader 134-5th to Wildwood Flower in 61 Goodwood handicap (good to soit) GAELIC STORM is thriving at present and must run very well

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503	(23) 05-05	DO SKY DOME 92 (C.D.F.S) (Mrs.: D Merson) LI Tomptons 4-8-9 . M Henry (3)
504	(1) 3-512	193 GREEN POWER 25 (D.5) (Dava les Ltd) J Famshawe 3-9-9 . T Dalem
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506	(P) -3134	20 SEK ST JOHN 12 (D.G) (C.R.S. Partners) M. Ryan 3-9-8 6 Carter
507	(19) 24-00	100 GRAND MUSICA 20 (4) (Mach & Parcing)   Building 4-3-7 Martin Dwyer
508	(10) 42501	40 CYBERTECHNOLOGY 11 (D.F.G) (W Stedley) B Hirls 3-0-7 M Hills
109	(E) 1-23	100 NO MORE PRESSURE 1.34 (D) (P Green) Mrs. J Romadon 3-0-6 . J Fortune
510	(22) 806-5	100 POLAR ECLIPSE 5 (S) (J Good) 8 Mediun 49-4 M Tebbuit
511	(26) 1-420	
512	(11) -2040	ISO DOUBLE-J 48 (F) (D Armlage) K AlcAulife 3-9-4 9 Sanders
513		TIB INTERDREAM 41 (F,B) (C Fai A M Hoalon) R Hannon 3-9-3 . Dane O'Neal
514		H1 JAY-OWE-TWO 10 (V,D,F) (R Whitaker) R Whitaker 3-9-3 (Sex.) Dean McKeywin
515		23 MOUNT HOLLY 27 (BF) (Sheith Mehammed) J Gosden 3-9-1 . ( Queen )
516		O2 MASTER BEVELED 8 (CD.F.G.S) (Ars E Vildums) P Evans 7-9-0
517		51 PERICLES 12 (S) (Mass & Kylloway) Gay kelloway 3-8-13
51B	(4) D4023	
519	(5) 32210	
520		OSI DEFINED REATURE 8 (BJF) (O Johnson) Ot J Scargill 4-8-12 J Omini
521	(13) <b>30-</b> 30	
522		OO TRADING ACES 43 (V.G.) (R Michaelson) M Bell 3-5-10 . R Muden (9)
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524		SD COMANCHE COMPANION 18 (D.F.G.S.) (Hover RC) T Haughton 7-8-6. A Churk
525	(3) 80101	
526		36 GKO 10 (P) (V R V Partnership) J Povilion 3-8-2
537	(12) 5-0	OJ ARCO COLORA 33 (H Sminalield Laft D Fleworth 3-8-0 R Finesen (3)

1996, SALTANDO 5-7-11 Martin Diever (56-1) Pai Minchell 18 ran

SILK ST JOHN is on the upgrade and the yielding surface will suit him

## 4.15 e b f chesterton maiden stakes

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808	(11)		FRANKLIN LAKES (B R Tampon) C Horgan 9-0 Paul Eddery —	
603	1231	02	FREE OPTION 21 (4 Ali) 5 Harbury 9-0	
610	161		GENEROUS TERMS (H R H Proce Fato Salman) H Candy 9-0 . J Red	
100	(15)	56	GLORY OF LOVE 15 (C Rowlands) J Hetherton 4-0 M Tebboti 76	
612	(14;		HIGH AND MIGHTY (Shekh Motommed) J Gorden 9-0 R Fireach (3) -	
613	141		LEMON BRIDGE (M. Afvers) J Hills 9-0	
614	116		RAINBOW WAYS 11 (At al-Makeoutty 8 Hills 9-0 M Hills 3	
615	(20)	-	RAJATI n.ord H De Waldent Mr. J Cecil 9-0	
515	(3)		REGAL PATRIANCH 14 (P Winfield, J Dunkop 9-0 E Comm. 57	
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621	123		SASSY LADY 12 (Select Hearmaket Partnership) C Dayer 8-8 . A Clark 63	
€22	100		SOLVER SUN (C Herpor) D Eleworth 8-9	
623	(10)		TARTAN LASS (Matthews Breeding and Racing) R Guest 8-9 . P Bloodwield -	
BÉTT	NG. 7	2 Barton E	ay 5-1 Altumation, 7-1 High And Magnity 8-1 Eagle's Cross, 10-1 Reinbow Ways, 12-1	
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1995. ROYAL CRUSAGE 9-0 8 Doyle (11-2) W Hogges 17 ran

FORM FOCUS

Albarahin Silver Rawk colt, hall-brother to several winners in france and the USA Allgrift 84f 5th to Mutawase in tim Goodwood maden (good to lim). Batten Bay, Bustino colt, hall-brother to several winners uncluding Epic Stand Bering Gifts 91 3rd to Absolutly Spartlin et 71 York mader (suff) Eagle's Cross 2/s1 4th to Montary in 71 Kempton tables, (good) Free Option 249 2rd to Clase Up in 1m Ponteinact mader (good to limi). Rainbow Ways 5/1 2nd to Berinn et 71 Leicester mader (good to limi). Rainbow Ways 5/1 2nd to Berinn et 71 Leicester mader (good to limi). Rainbow way useful kindisher Mill Regal Patriarch 201 20th to Quiet Accurance in 71 Newmarket maiden (good). Scorned. Settink colt, brother to very useful Hidden Meadow

RAINBOW WAYS should go well but bets are best kept to a runimum

## 4.50 SEVERALS CONDITIONS STAKES (£7,954 1m 2f) (7 runners)

BETTING 11-4 Carcimos Chambery, 3-1 Santillana 4-1 Bernan Sands, 9-2 Silvaran, On Hellio, 20-1 others. 1996. BRIGHT WATER 3-8-9 Par Ecdery (6-1) H Cect 9 ran FORM-FOCUS

Rocky Ossis 30/ 8th to Arabian Story in 11/5m Epsom handicap (good) Barnom Sands beal Hallarra neck in 11/5m kempton clakes (good). Sandmoor Chambray 21/41 5th to Pasternak in 1m11 Neumaniat handicap (good to limn) Sandam oroug Mil stakes (good) 5 and to Kemarra in 11-5m Neumaniate handicap (good to limn) 2ugudi 61/41 10th to Al Large in 6f Notlingham handicap (good to firm). Oh Nethe 71/41 5th to Decorated Hero in 7f Goodwood group 6f stakes (good to firm).

SILVERAND is very much on the upgrade and can continue his progress

## 2-20 (2m st 110yd hdie) 1, Hopelul Lord (A S Smirit, 18-1), 2, Country Orched (4-7 sm/; 3, Alass Chabb (40-1), 13 ran, 71, 194, P Cheesbrough, Tota: E18.30, 53-30, 51-10, 55.00, DF: £13.90 fno. £84.40, CSF £25.10. Nottingham

Wetherby

Going: good to firm

Gotteg neavy 2.10 (61 15)(01.1 Middle East (T Sprake, 13-2 jc-lav), 2 Supreme Thought (14-1), 3, Adath (12-1) Mise's Double (3-2 jc-lav, 19 ran MR, Nenous Rep. Hd. xi, T Barron Tote £11.00; 03.40 €7.10, 53.90. DF: £432.30 CSF £82.04, Tnp; 5-522.30

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

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WILLIE RYAN will partner Benny The Dip in the Dubai Champion Stakes at Newmarket on Saturday. The booking was confirmed after discussions between the owner, Landon Knight, and trainer, John Gosden.

Ryan rode the colt to victory in the Vodafone Derby at Epsom and has kept the ride ever since. But the arrangement has continued only because of the unavailability of Frankie Dettori, who is on board Stowaway.

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5 furlongs (Handicap), Newmarket 3,10pm, Live on CH4 TV. 7/1 Gaelic Storm 14/1 Double Splendour 7/1 Surprise Mission 14/1 Lago Di Varano 8/1 Ansellman 14/1 Tadeo 8/1 Dancethenightaway 14/1 The Gay Fox 20/1 Hello Mister 8/1 March Crusader 20/1 Repertory 20/1 The Puzzler

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#### FOOTBALL

## Arsenal defender finds nothing to crow about

JASON CROWE, the Arsenal defender, is unlikely to forget his first appearance for the club. He came on as a substitute in the Coca-Cola Cup third-round tie against Birmingham City at Highbury on Tuesday night — and was sent off 33 seconds later. It was the quickest dismissal of a player

Crowe, 10, replaced Lee Dixon at the start of extra time, with the teams locked at 1-1, but was dismissed for an overzealous challenge on Martin O'Connor, the Birming ham midfield player. Uriah Rennie, the referee, appeared to have little option, but O'Connor disagreed.

"Jason came in a bit late and caught my foot," O'Connor said. "I thought a yellow card would have been about right and, in hindsight to send him off was a bit harsh." O'Connor has severe bruising and is doubtful for the Nationwide League first division game against Bury on Saturday.

Arsenal won 41, with Luis Boa Morte, their Portuguese winger, scoring two goals. He could retain his place for the FA Carling Premiership game against Crystal Palace at Selhurst Park on Saturday.

There is a 60 to 70 per cent chance that he will start."

Arsene Wenger, the Arsenal manager, said. He scored two good goals, but his finishing, as well as movement off the ball, is one of the aspects of his game he must improve. He is certainly not the complete player yet, but is an exciting prospect the type of player I am always

Boa Morte has played six times as a substitute for Arsenal since his £1.25 million move from Sporting Lisbon during the summer.

Mark McGhee, the Wolverhampton Wanderers manager, returned to Reading on Tuesday and again left to jeers from the home supporters. Since his departure from Elm



McGhee: jeered again

## Italy call on Ravanelli

FABRIZIO RAVANELLI has brough, who were relegated been called up by Italy for their World Cup qualifying play-off against Russia later this month. "I'm very happy ... I'm just sorry I'll miss Marseilles's trip to Bastia [for a French Cup game," the striker said. He added that he

was notified by the Italy coach. Cesare Maldini, by fax. Ravanelli was not picked for Italy's qualifying match against England in Rome on Saturday. Glenn Hoddle's team held the Italians 0-0 to win group two and book a

Ravanelli has seen little action since leaving Middles-

place in the finals next year in

last season. But he marked his Marsellles debut at Rennes a week ago by laying on the first goal and scoring the second from a penalty.

Italy meet Russia, second to Bulgaria in group five, in a two-leg play-off, away on October 29 and at home on November 15, for a place in the finals.

☐ The players' union chief executive, Gordon Taylor, has called for a body to be set up to keep an eye on the game's finances. It comes in response to the Inland Revenue's crackdown on unregistered payments to players, managers and agents.

Park in acrimonious circum-. stances almost three years ago, McGhee has failed to win in six attempts - once with Leicester City - against his former club.

Reading won the third-round tie 4-2, which prompted an hour-long meeting in the Wolverhampton dressingroom between McGhee. Sir Jack Hayward, the club chairman, and John Richards, the managing director, increasing speculation that McGhee's job could be under threat.

Sir Jack later refuted such suggestions. "We have been having a post mortem on the he said. "You shouldn't believe everything you read in the papers."

Steve Bull, the veteran Wolves striker, felt that the players should shoulder some of the blame. Things just aren't going for us and it's fair to say that Mark is a bit down and a bit quiet," he said. "It's out of his hands when we go out on the pitch and perhaps the players should look at themselves in the mirror. We're all behind Mark, let's hope the chairman is."

McGhee has since made an £800,000 offer for Dougle Freedman, the Crystal Palace

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, was less displeased by the 2-0 defeat against Ipswich Town at Portman Road. Although United fielded a much-weakened line-up, preferring to save their best for the Premiership and European Cup Champions' League, they still included seven internationals.

"Understrength? It looked an excellent team to me," George Burley, the Ipswich manager, said. With a full house here, against a club that is one of the best in Europe, it was a big motivation for my players. We were really up for it and proved we have talented players of our own."

Sheffield United, of the first division, suffered their first defeat of the season when they were beaten 2-1 by Walsall at the Bescot Stadium.



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Phil Neville, of Manchester United, shields the ball from Mick Stockwell, of Ipswich, during their Coca-Cola Cup tie

## Premiership pair escape penalty

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

ARSENAL and Manchester United will not be punished for fielding weakened sides in the Coca-Cola Cup on Tuesday night but the Football League is still concerned by the apparent disregard some of the clubs from the FA Carling Premiership are showing for the competition. It is an issue that will be raised at a meeting of the League's board of directors later this

It had been suggested-that the League would use its ultimate sanction — expulsion - if managers selected little

more than reserve sides for their cup-ties. However, attitudes have softened in the past few days.

"We appreciate that most senior clubs now operate a squad system." Chris Hull, a League spokesman, said yesterday. "With that in mind, we have to adopt a degree of. flexibility and latitude. It is far too early to prejudge the situation but it is something that the board will want to look at.'

Arsenal's "shadow" side beat Birmingham City 4-1 after extra time in their thirdround match at Highbury on Tuesday but United lost 2-0 to

Ipswich Town at Portman Road. Arsenal even offered a refund to supporters who had bought tickets without realising the intentions of Arsène Wenger, the Arsenal

manager. Many Premiership clubs. especially those involved in Europe, have increasingly treated the Coca-Cola Cup as no more than a minor irritation. With the competition having now lost its Uefa Cup place for the winners, pending an appeal to the European Commission, its arraction has been diluted farther.

Coca-Cola, the sponsor, has supported the cup for five years. Although it is in the first season of a three-year agreement, worth £6 million, senior executives are believed to be concerned about how the competition is being devalued. "It's a contractual issue," a company spokesman said yesterday. All we can do is support the comments of the

Football League. The League is still hopeful that it will have its prized Uefa Cup place reinstated. "It would be premature for any club to believe that the competition will not have a European place at the end of it," Hull said "We are confident our efforts will be rewarded."

# Injuries hamper Huddersfield

By Our Sports Staff

Pointed remark aimed at England

ITALY, still smarting from the 0-0 draw with England on Saturday that has consigned them to a playoff against Russia for the right to a place in the World Cup finals, yesterday found a mathematical reason for their failure to qualify at the first time of asking.

"If a win had still been worth two points. Italy would have been joint top with England on points, but ahead on the results of the direct matches." Luciano Nizzola, the president of the Italian Football Federa-

England won six, drew one and lost one of their eight qualifying matches - which, under the old two-points system, would have given them 13 points. Italy won five and drew three - which also would have been worth 13 points.

However, Italy emerged from

their two matches against England with a win (1-0 at Wembley last

February) and a draw.
"It's hardly as if we have suffered a collapse." Nizzola said. "We just failed to get a second victory against an England team who had improved a great deal compared to the

away match." Bulgarian referees have gone on strike in protest at a series of incidents threatening their safety. The industrial action has caused the postponement of all matches due to be played this weekend. The referees are threatening to stay out of the game until their working conditions

"There is a lack of security at our stadiums. Our health and even our lives are threatened," 87 referees said in a statement yesterday. The strike follows an incident two weeks ago in which Borislav Alexandrov, the chairman of the referees' association, was assaulted during a first division match between Levski-Kyustendil and CSKA Sofia, the champions, at Kyustendil. Supporters of the home side who disagreed with a refereeing decision turned their frustrations on Alexandrov.

The referees said this was the tenth incident involving match officials during the past three years. A meeting will be held on Satur-day between the referees and the managers of all first and second division clubs to try to resolve the

The referees are demanding that the Bulgarian Soccer Union impose sanctions against players and against teams from lower divisions to prevent further violence.

By Our Sports Staff

THE task facing Peter Jackson when he took over as manager of Huddersfield Town seemed difficult enough - namely lifting them off the bottom of the Nationwide League first division, where they appeared to be stuck fast -- without the news that his squad has been weakened by injuries to two key players. Yesterday, therefore, will not go down as a good day in his

Andy Payton, the top scorer last season, needs a second hernia operation in two months and will be out for six weeks, while Lee Makel, the midfield player, also faces a lengthy lay-off after suffering a stress fracture of the foot and damaged knee ligaments in the 3-0 defeat against Charlton Athletic on Tuesday night. Not surprisingly. Jackson wants to sign at least one

new player, probably a striker, as soon as possible.

"I have spoken to several Premiership managers about certain players I believe could do a job for us. even if we can only arrange a shortterm loan," Jackson said. "It would be good to have that extra lift a new player can bring in time for Saturday's game against Sunderland."

An arrangement similar to the one that has taken Nick Colgan to Brentford would do beautifully. Colgan has signed for the second division dub on a month's loan from Cheisea. The 24-year-old Irish goalkeeper, who is struggling to win a first-team place in competition with Ed de Goey, Kevin Hitchcock and Dmitri Kharine, will replace the injured Kevin Dearden at

Brentford. Manchester City have admitted the unfair dismissal of the former youth development officers, Colin Beil and Terry Farrell, and will pay them compensation. Bell, who made nearly 500 appearances as a player for City, and Farrell were sacked as joint-youth development officers in a staff clear-out at Maine Road at

the beginning of this season. The two men had gone to an industrial tribunal and; after talks between the two sides, the club released a statement that said: "Manchester City Football Club wishes to acknowledge that Colin Beil and Terry Farrell were unfairly dismissed by the club on May 8 this year. It is unfortunate that in the world of football it is difficult to adhere to the best industrial rela-tions practices." The club has agreed to pay an undisclosed sum in compensation to both men.

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By JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

un again in the late afternoon.

day that his remarks had not come

out as he had intended them. He

said he had written to every

American who was named, to Tom

Kite, the US captain, and had

spoken to Brad Faxon last week at

Wentworth. "I hope this issue can now be considered at an end," he

Of greater interest will be what

the players have to say about six

new tees being used in competition

for the first time which; together, add another 161 yards to the Old

Course. The 3rd, 6th, 10th, 13th,

15th and 16th holes have the new

tees, the 15th and 16th now being 46

A few voices have been raised in

dissension already. The first was

Severiano Ballesteros who suggest-

masterpiece and to alter it would be

to defile it. This is the view held by

Frank Nobilo, the New Zealander.

who said: "You cannot alter a

monument and that is what the

Mark O'Meara said much the

same thing. This place is kind of the birthplace of golf. I think they

The alterations were made to

keep up with developments in

technology and update hazards

that have become out of date, said

Michael Bonallack, the secretary of

the Royal and Ancient Golf Club.

Old Course is:"

should leave it alone."

ed that the Old Course was a

and 44 yards longer, respectively.

EVERY two years there is a danger

that golf's two main matchplay or

matchplay/strokeplay events of the

autumn are overshadowed by a thrilling Ryder Cup. It happened in

1995 and it happened again this year. The World Match Play Championship which concluded at

Wentworth last Sunday was a pale

shadow of itself, with a less than

stellar field playing in almost incessant rain. Alterations need to

be made if this event is to retain its

Today, the other half of the

autumn double begins, the Dunhill Cup at St Andrews. This team

event will have to do a lot to make

up for the disappointments of last

week, and to convince golf enthus-

iasts that its odd formula of men

playing one another as in

matchplay, but the winner being

the one who takes the fewer strokes

over 18 holes, is anything other

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oup One: United States, England, Argen-L, Jepan. Group two; Australia, Sweden, north Talwan. Group three: South Africa, totand, Ireland, Garmany, Group four-nosbwe, New Zealand, South Koree, Spain.

Winners of each group quality for semi-finals on Sunday: group one v group two; group

than a contrivance for a sponsor

with lots of money to stage an event

at the home of golf. This event is

arguably the most complicated in

golf, one in which most of the

competitors do not know what is

happening half the time, never

There are four groups with four

countries in each group. The

seedings predict that the United

States and England, Australia and Sweden, South African and Scot-

land and Zimbabwe and New Zealand will be the leading teams

in their respective groups, but bearing in mind that in recent

years Scotland have lost to Para-

guay and India as well as winning

the event in 1995, then the unpre-

dictable nature of the tournament

In some years any confusion as

to precisely what is going on at any

mind the spectators.

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The Times Winning Moves 2

Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

By Raymond Keene

Kotov, Moscow 1946. White's pieces are buzzing around the black king but he has to deal with the threat to his queen. What is the best



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## Devonport make late charge

BY MEL WEBS

VICTORY seemed cut and dried. It was all over bar the shouting, surely. The team that had led for two hours were preparing to celebrate, but their joy was nipped in the bud by four men who sailed into the clubhouse at St Pierre, Chepstow, yesterday and holed the opposition below the waterline at the last possible moment.

The winning team in the Wales and South West regional final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge work for Devomport Management Limited, whose prime business is refitting fighting ships for the Royal Navy at Plymouth. The four - Ged Duffy, Alan Rice, Gerry Brown and lan Jolliffe - are men of peace, but there was nothing very peaceful about the way they launched their lightning strike to take the battle honours.

The long-time leaders were Needham Enterprises Limited and, with Devenport the only team left on the course who could catch them, they were entitled to believe



that they had at least one foot on plane that will take the national finalists to La Manga, in Spain, next month. They could not have been more wrong. Devonport scoring 80 Stableford points to win

This year the rules for this regional final series have been changed so that the four-player team splits into two two-balls, one pairing starting at the 10th. It builds tension, forces each half of the team to concentrate totally on their game and also means that, very often, teams have no idea of their combined score until the computer has done its work.

That is what happened on this

day; the victorious quartet had no idea that they had won until their names were read out. "We thought we might have done pretty well, but when the third and second teams were announced we thought we were out of it," Duffy, the captain, said. "Now we can't stop

There were good holes for each of the team members: Duffy had net birdies on the 1st and 16th holes, Jolliffe chipped to six inches for a net birdle on the 10th, Brown pitched up to 12 inches for another net birdie on the 1st. It was a triumph, as so many regional final victories are, of teamwork and the occasional lucky break.

RESULTS: 80: Devorpori Management Ltd 79: Needham Enterprises Ltd 78: Selon Healthcarte Group Pic, Midwest Computer Consultants Ltd (Selon find on countback) 79: Drake Tooling & Abraseves Ltd. 79: Hugh James Solicitors; Sun Bectric UK Ltd/Criempon Spark Plugs. Chemical Corporation (UK) Ltd. Nortiel Optoelectronical Distagn. 71: The St. James Partnership; The Wooden Spoon Society (Somerett): British Av-weys Mentaniance. Carolif, Xdale Ltd. 70: Cattle Viocum/Intolative. Castle Pool Hotels Ltd; Cogent 69: British Seel Pic (Shorten Works); McCwan Walless Lincoln. 64: Glyn Rowst Insurance Facilities; Camaud Metalbox Cosuras Ptc. 60: Boyd & Lloyd Othes Supplies Ltd. 58: NSG Services Group Ptc.

### SNOOKER

## **McManus** hits back after bitter defeat

ONLY ten days have elapsed since Alan McManus suffered arguably his most acute disappointment in snooker when he lost to Nigel Bond from a seemingly impregnable position in the final of the Regal Scottish Masters. Yesterday the Scot began the process of healing his bruised ego at the Grand Prix in Bournemouth.

McManus rallied from 2-0 down to defeat Swart Pettman 5-2 for a place in the last 32, but then said that he is still recovering from the psychological hangover of losing against Bond in Motherwell after leading 8-6 and by 61 points in the fifteenth frame.

"What happened against Nigel is just about behind me now, but for a while afterwards I was walking around like a zombie," McManus said. "It was a bit of a nightmare because everyone knew I should have won, but now it's all best forgotten. What's the point in dwelling on something like that?" Mark Williams and Euan Hen-

derson, the finalists here last year, experienced contrasting fortunes. Williams began the defence of his title with a 5-2 victory over Michael Judge, but Henderson lost 5-2 to

Tony Drago. Williams, whose refreshingly aggressive approach also carried him to success in the British Open last season, lost the first frame on the black. If there was any sign of panic from Williams it was undetectable as he grew in confidence with each passing frame. He will now meet Matthew Stevens, a fellow Welshman. He beat Stephen Hendry in the first round of this event last year and his 5-1 victory over Steve James yesterday included a 137 total clearance in the

opening frame. Earlier, unpredictability had triumphed over reliability when Drago, erratic one moment, focused the next, got the better of Henderson, Tactically Drago was inferior, but Henderson could not reproduce the break-building consistency that had underscored the highlight of his career last year.

Alain Robidoux, the world No 9, became the first member of the top 16 to be eliminated. He lost 5-1 to Paul Davies, but Steve Davis fought back from 3-1 down to beat

By RAYMOND KEENE

CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Peter Swidler, the reigning

Russian champion, has finally

broken into the elite hierarchy

of international chess with his share of first prize - scoring

the upper echelons of international tournament chess. White: Alexander Onischuk

Sicilian Defence

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Black: Peter Swidler

Tilburg, October 1997

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7 Nb3

8 0-0

and Vladimir Kramnik.

Last-round win

### CRICKET

## Stephenson joins list of departing captains

JOHN STEPHENSON became the second county captain in the space of two days to lose his job when he resigned yesterday after two years in command at Hampshire. Twenty-four hours earlier, Northamptonshire announced that Robert Bailey had been re-moved after two seasons in charge.

Stephenson's departure is even ess of a surprise than that of Bailey. He showed a reluctance to consult and Hampshire's results have been even more dismal than Northamptonshire's. The distressing aspect to Stephenson's experi-ence is that he left Essex, and sacrificed a lucrative benefit in the process, specifically because he wanted to lead a county side.

Handicapped by an uninspired bowling attack, which had failed to come to terros with life after Malcolm Marshall, now the county coach, Stephenson's hopes of langible success were short-lived. With injuries also playing their part, he got through more champonship overs last summer than anyone else in the side, and his tally of 37 wickets was not bettered. He must hope that, under anoth-

er's leadership, he now rediscovers his form with the bat.

The club hopes to announce a successor in the next few weeks, and among the early favourites will be Robin Smith, Stephenson's stand-in, and Adrian Aymes, the wicketkeeper. Also to be resolved is the identity of next year's overseas player, with Paul Reiffel, the Australian, among a short list of bowlers.

Last month. Derbyshire handed the leadership to Dominic Cork. and with Sussex seeking a successor to Peter Moores, four of the bottom five teams in this year's championship have now signalled changes of captain for 1998. More upheavals may be in the offing, with Michael Watkinson's position at Lancashire looking among the most precarious.

Mark Taylor, the Australia captain, dropped from the one-day international side to play an Academy XI later this month, responded by hitting 116 not out as New South Wales scored 290 for three on the first day of the Sheffield Shield match against Queensland in Brisbane.

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### FOR THE RECORD

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BASEBALL NATIONAL LEAGUE: Play-offer Florida 7 National 4 (Florida with series 4-2).

CRICKET

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HOCKEY

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ALEXANDRIA: Egyptian Open: Second abund: P Nicol (Sool) bt A Gough (Walas) 15-11, 15-10, 15-14; S Patha (Eng) bt D Meddings (Eng) 15-14, 15-4; 15-8; J-P Power (Carl) bt B Daws (Aus) 15-3, 15-3, 15-3, 15-3; J-Bonslet (Fr) bt C Wespulck (Sq.) 15-13, 9-10-16; 15-13, 15-13; D Hams (Eng) bt M Challone (Eng) 17-14, 15-15; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-16; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-15; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-16; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-16; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-16; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-16; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-16; 15-10; A Hill (Aus) bt N Taylor (Eng) 15-12; TONET: Whomen's world champalanthip: First round: C Jackman (Eng) bt K Neevi (Aus) 4-1, 10-3; 9-5; C Owene (Aus) bt V Addinson (Holl) 9-6, 9-0, 9-3, 1 Martin (Aus) bt K Mejor (Aus) 9-1, 19-3; M Martin (Aus) bt K Mejor (Aus) 9-1, 9-0, 9-3, 9-7; S Schöne (Ger) bt J Wilson (NZ) 9-6, 9-0, 9-3, 1. Charman (Eng) bt T Sharion (Eng) 9-1, 4-9, 9-1, 9-2

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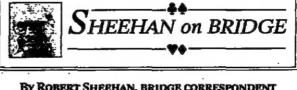
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### By ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT

I gave a hand in a recent Weekend column in which Ralph Katz. third in the trials to decide the United States team for the 1997 Bermuda Bowl, made a good bid on a strong 4-4-1-4 hand. Must be his favourite shape - he did everything right on this one. from the Spingold.

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Katz (South) opened Two Clubs and rebid Two Spades over North's negative response of Two Diamonds. Most experts would have rebid Two Hearts, to increase the chance of finding a 4-4 major fit. However, Two Spades worked well - North was able to bid Four Hearts. showing spade support with heart shortage (a "splinter" bid), and South drove on to the How would you play Six Spades? First, count your tricks (the wife says she's

going to put that injunction on my tombstone). If you have to lose to the king of spades you have three tricks in spades. two in hearts, one in diamonds and five in clubs, making eleven. So to make a twelfth you have to take a ruff in either the North or the South hand. But in addition you have to draw trumps before running the club suit. Katz saw the play that kept everything under control - he played the nine of spades from his hand at trick two. When West ducked he continued

with the queen of spades. West had to win, and had no defence. In practice he returned another diamond. Katz ruffed in hand, cashed his last high spade, and played a club (the eight of course, so as not to block the run of the suit) to the king and drew West's last trump. Then he could cash the chub and heart winners. Note that if Katz had played

three, West would have ducked. Then West would have taken the third spade and returned a fourth round. extinguishing the ruff which produces the twelfth trick. □ All heats of ten tables or more in The Times Midland Private Banking National Bridge Challenge will be at-tended and addressed by

the ace of spades followed by

the queen at tricks two and

leading players (subject to availability). For entry details telephone 0181-942 9506. ☐ Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

David Price, one of the world's

WORD-WATCHING

## By Philip Howard

JAZZBO a. A rascally Black

b. A short skirt c. A roll on the drums

JUM-UUM.

a. A cow ...

b. A dance

c, A dress

NUDNIK a. A Russian streaker b. A trap at chess c. A tedious bore HAMBO

a. A hambone

b. A Swedish folk dance c. A carpentry joint Answers on page 46

10 g4 11 g5 12 f4 13 Bd4 14 Nd5 15 exc5 17 04 19 b4 20 Rq1 22 Rge1

Rxd4 25 Q13 26 Fbd4 Bzd4 27 Bb3 2B Exc1 29 BH 30 Kg2

eight points — at the tourna-ment in Tilburg, a prize shared with Garry Kasparov His two most notable results were a win against Kasparov and this game in the last round that enabled him to catch up with the tournament leaders. After this splendid performance, Swidler is likely to become a frequent guest in

tional chess tournament is now under way in Wrexham. Included among the line-up are grandmasters Nigel Davies (Great Britain), Mark Taimanov (Russia) and Vlastimil Jansa (Czech Repub-Amongst the international

masters present are Gary Lane and Andrew Kinsman and Robert Bellin, the former British champion. For information on spectating contact

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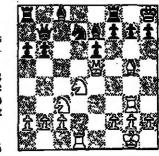
contains 240 chess puzzles from international grand-master Raymond Keene's daily column in The Times, and is available now from bookshops or from B. T. Batsford Ltd (tel: 01376 321276 at £6.99 plus postage and packing).

Raymond Keene writes on chess Monday to Friday in

WINNINGMOVE

White to play. This position is from the game Bronstein -

way of doing this? Solution on page 46



# Heroes bow to natural hazard



ou can train your mind and your muscles to near-perfection, but sometimes in sport you can't stop nature rocking the boat. This week saw the start of what is being billed as the toughest endurance race in the world. It is the sort of event that makes the armchair adventurer gulp with the realisation that the men and women who take on these challenges are seemingly not frail humans but some sporting superbreed.

The event is simply a race, in rowing boats, across the Atlantie. Thirty tiny two-man craft have set out, each crammed with enough supplies to get them through a couple of they left to flog the 2,900 miles across the ocean from Tenerife to Barbados and they could still be at it after Christmas.

The race is the dreamchild of Sir Chay Blyth, who, with his fellow paratrooper. John Ridgeway, rowed from Cape Cod to the Island of Arran in their boat. English Rose III. in 1966, taking 92 days.

Anyone who tackles this sort of adventure has got to be superhuman, mad and extremely well-prepared. No crew paid more attention to fine-runing their bodies, honing their navigation skills and perfecting their preparation than Peter Haining and David Riches. Their past form is enough to make their opponents feel queasy. Haining, at 35, took part in the Atlanta Olympic Games and has been a world sculling champion three times. His partner, Riches. 30, a formidable rower. cyclist and runner, represented Scotland in the 1986 Commonwealth Games. They have both spent thousands of hours sitting in a boat and pulling on oars. They left the start line in their boat, Walter Scott and Partners, flying a Scottish flag and with high hopes of victory.

This is serious," Haining said. "Somebody might die. I've made my will and my

SAILING CORRESPONDENT

PAUL CAYARD is one of

several first-time skippers in

the Whitbread Round the

World Race and, as such, was

not a favourite in most peo-

Cayard, a world-class rac-

ing yachtsman with vast

America's Cup experience,

was the most illustrious new

boy on the block, but the best

guess was that he would get

the hang of Whitbread racing

too late to mount a serious

ple's early form guide.

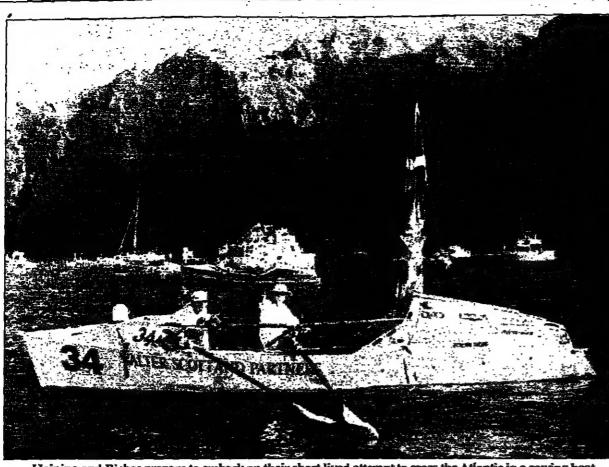
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challenge.

JAZZBO

MUUMUU

NUDNIK



Haining and Riches prepare to embark on their short-lived attempt to cross the Atlantic in a rowing boat

partner and I have promised each other that if one of us dies in mid-Atlantic, the other will bring the body home. I don't want to be buried at sea."

Not much fear of that. Within hours of the start, the pair had abandoned ship and were safely back in Tenerife airport. The problem was one of the oldest enemies in the seafarer's log - seasickness. They were rowing south of the island of

Gomera when Riches started to be violently sick. Haining kept rowing, but, as they drew closer to rocks, he dropped the sea

posssibly food poisoning. Back in Tenerife, both men are talking about starting again.

Ironically, it was Haining who was expressing concern before the start about the problems of seasickness. He has a tendency to motion sickness and he puts down his

further credibility by a poor

performance in the Fastnet. To

add to his problems, Mark

Rudiger, the navigator, was

brought in as a replacement only three weeks before the

However, Cayard has been learning fast. He cheekily led

the ten-strong fleet out of the

Solent. Then he positioned

himself correctly for what

amounted to a re-start off

Since then he has stayed in

the top three, taking the out-right lead five days ago when

Ushant.

WORD-WATCHING

(a) A negro performer, especially in a minstrei show a coloured American soldier, a dissolute person, and various other meanings. Origin unknown. Perhaps a corruption of Jasper, Jack Kerouse. On

the Road, 1957: "He dodged a mule wagon: in it sat an old Negro plodding along. He slowed down the car for all of us to turn and look at the old jazzbo moaning along."

(c) A woman's loose-fitting dress, usually brightly coloured and patterned, which originated in Hawaii as a local adaptation of the 'Mother Hubbard' dress provided by the missionaries. The Hawaiian mu'u mu'u literally cut off, from the fact that the yoke was

(c) Someone who pesters, mags or irritates a bore. The Yiddish word, from the Russian nudnji tedious, boring. Too many of our awdnik moviegoers dread the prospect of sharing their pleasures with the plain folks."

(b) A Swedish folk dance in 3/4 time. The toponym of Hambo, the name of a parish in Hälsingland, Sweden. "We had been dancing in

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

the Nylocks barn - dancing polskas and hambos."

I Bho! Nxe5 2 Bxg?+ KgS 3 Bxe5+ and mate follows.

ally omitted. "Helen being a woman, put on a yellow mumu, a ss between a flour sack and an old-fashioned nightic. Mumus were designed by the well-intentioned missionary ladies as a covering for the Hawaiian women, in the early days when a few flowers sufficed for a garment." disappointing performance in the Atlanta Olympics to the travel sickness that he suffered in the shuttle buses that ferried the rowers in and out of

Seasickness can be a formidable opponent. Experts reckon that there are two stages you pass through: the first is when you think you are going to die; the second is when you fear that you won't. The condi-

'Anyone who tackles this has got to be superhuman, mad and extremely well-prepared'

went to sea, as was Darwin.

disqualified for receiving outand Victoria Murden had to be towed back to Tenerife after side assistance. Murden- became violently

The Golden Fleece another boat with problems. Daniel Innes had to find a new crew member when his partner pulled out three days before the start for medical reasons. Yesterday, Innes, finding that the boat's rudder had broken, called his mother for help - on his mobile phone: The race organisers told her that the boat is still quite safe and that a French crew, too, was rowing on without a rudder.

They won't have that sort of problem aboard Carpe Deum where Daniel Byles, an army officer cades, has taken his mother with him. They are the only mother and son team in the event.

it may be the world's toughest race, but armchair adventurers can draw comfort from the knowledge that when the sea gets rough, even these supermen need the comfort of their mothers or their mobile

JOHN BRYANT

## Amazonian adventures

There is a new presenter and a new destination as the backpacker show moves to Latin America. Nell Giloson from Aberdeen is a mere 23 but shows admirable self-confidence in his first television assignment. He is also provides a welcome antidote to the irritating chirpiness of Lonely Planer's usual host, Ian Wright. Gibson's trip is to Peru and the travelogue element is kept to the minimum as he fulfils the purpose of the series minimum as he name the purpose of the series which is to get off the tourist path and to travel modestly. He starts in Lima, a bustling capital of seven million people, before making for the Amazon jungle and signing off at an luca sun festival. Should anybody be inspired to follow him, he offers useful advice on anything from finding a cheap bed to the merits of buying an air pass in a present where distances are great. country where distances are great.

A Dance to the Music of Time Channel 4, 9.00pm

"Women may show some discrimination about who they sleep with, but they will marry anybody. It could be Oscar Wilde but is in fact the wit of Anthony Powell, admirably preserved in this fine adaptation by Hugh Whitemore. The saga of the four Etonians whose lives keep crossing in later life has reached the 1930s, which means Hitler and the has reached the 1930s, which means Hitter and the threat of war. But do not expect a sensible riposte from this bunch of upper-crust dilettantes. Widmerpool, who has become something mysterious in the City and is given rich comic resonance by Simon Russell Beale, suggests asking Goering to Buck House and giving him the Garter-"It's what such things are for." Inexplicably the opportunity is passed over and war comes anyway. But not before the merry-en-cound of alcoholism. But not before the merry-go-round of alcoholism, infidelity and scandals has claimed more victims.

Horizon: The Man Who Lost his Body BBC2, 9.25pm

lan Waterman was 19 with a promising career as a butcher on Jersey when he was struck down with a rare virus. It ravaged his nervous system and caused him to lose touch with his body below the neck. His muscles and joints still worked but he had no command over them. His body could no

indicince

Lady Molly's nieces, the Tolland girls (C4)

longer nell his brain where it was or what it was doing. The condition was so rare that only some years later did it get a name sensory neuropathy. years later did it get a name: sensory neuropathy. Even now there are only ten known cases in the world. Now in his mid-forties, Waterman has made an impressive recovery but, as the film shows, it required iron discipline and enormous persistence. It took four months to put on a sock, a year to stand safely. The key to regaming control of his limbs was through his eyes. Experts by to estolain how. explain how.

10 X 10: Diary of a Madman BBC2. 10.15pm

First Person Plural

Radio 4, 9.30am

Compressing Gogol's story into 15 minutes puts one in mind of Monty Python's stammarising Proust competition, in which contestants had a ridiculously short time to precis one of the longest works in modern literature. But Gogol is only the inspiration for a story which is set in present-day Birmingham and is about an office worker called Nick (Steve Evets) and his crazy love for his glamorous boss, Sophie (Tasmin Mills). Mark E. Smith, from The Fall, plays Nick's social worker. Having just gone to work dressed in a shiny white suit as Elvis Presley, our hero obviously needs help. And that after he has been filling his diary with references to talking dogs. The director, John Humphreys, has made promos for UB40 and others and the resitess pop video style is much in evidence.

The return of a series which has proved adept at getting under the skin of issues so that what can sometimes seem abstract is given a human face, or rather voice. Today's programme is an audio diary

about a 14-year-old boy, known in the programme as Chris, who is a victim of bullying at school. The tapes have been recorded by Chris, his teacher and his foster-mother and the factor that makes this

case especially interesting, and rather poignant, is that Chris accepts his status as a victim: he believes that his role in life is to be pushed around by

others, thus he attracts more builties. He attends a special school for victims of bullying but does not like being treated as "different" and wants to leave the school.

WORLD SERVICE

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### RADIO CHOICE

Facing West Radio 4, 7.20pm

Lord Tebbit, are you listening? And if so, what conclusion will you be reaching? This is an absorbing documentary about British Muslims and the stresses and compromises that life here has brought about, often with positive results. The programme starts at a festival in Bradford, which has the UK's largest Asian population outside London, of whom more than 60 per cent are Muslims from a Pakistani background. Jeremy Harding talks to Muslims about the contrasts Harding talks to Muslims about the contrasts inherent in the lives of people often trying to reconcile tradition and modern Western life. One of the strongest impressions is of a community which has worked hard to accommodate British ness and has been doing so for three generations.

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5.30mm Kevin Greening and Zoé Ball 9.00 Stmon Mayo 12.00 Jo Whiley Includes 12.30pm Newabset 2.00 Mark Radicilla 4.00 Dava Peance 6.15 Newabset 6.30 Steve Larracc; Evening Session 8.30 Movie Update with Mark Keimode 8.40 John Peel 10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs 1.00em Clive Warren 4.00

6,00mm Alex Lester 7,30 Sérah Kennedy 9,30 Ken Bruce 11,20 Jimmy Young 1.30pm Debble Thrower 5.05 John Durin 7.00 David Alan 8.00 Paul Jones 9.00 Soul Provider with Robble Vincent 9.30 The News Huddlines 10.00 Today's the Day 10.30 Richard Allsneon 12.00 Ed Stewart 12.05em Says

RADIO 5 LIVE

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VIRGIN RADIO

5.00am Jarenny Clark 7.00 Chris Evans 10.00 (FM) Robin Bariks (AM) Graham Dens 1.00pm (FM) Nick Abbot (AM) Micky Horns 4.00 Russ 'n' Jono 7.00 (FM) Paul Coyle (AM) Camin Jones 10.00 Mark Forrest 2.00am Richard Porter

TALK RADIO

6.30am Paul Ross and Carol McGiflen 9.00 Scoti Chlaholm 12.00 Lonaine Kelly 2.00pm Tommy Boyd 4.00 Peter Decisty 7.00 Anns Raebum 9.00 James Whele 1,00am Ian Collins

8.00mm Alan Mainr 9.08 Henry Kelly, Includes Microel Barry's Classic Recipe 1.00pm Listener Request Hour with Jane Jones 2.09 Corcerto, Rachmannov (Rhapsody on a Theme of Pagarinf) 3.00 Nick Bailey 7.00 Newenight with John Brunning 7.30 Sonata, Lactar (Flute Sonata in Eminor) 8.00 Evening Concert. Vaughen Wilsens (Job — A Masque for Dancing); Hermann Lovenskjold (Act One, La Sylphide), Lught (Ballet Egyptier) 10.00 Michael Meppin 2.00em Concerto (r) 3.00 Mark Griffiths

6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor, Includes
Ouantz (Flute Sonata No 273 in G)
9.00 Norming Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes
Handel (Concerto Grosso in E minor)
10.00 Nuselcal Encounters, with Chris Wines, Includes
Bizet (Les Voicil Carmen), Couperin (Sonata
L'Espagnole); Weber, transor Liszt (Konzentstuck)
12.00 Composer of the Weeks Gillinko
1.00pm In Repentory. The Yimes opera critic, Rodney
Mines takes to the soprano Hidegard Behrens
about the title role of Richard Strauss's Eleidas
2.00 The BBC Orchestras, BBC Symphony Orchestra.
With Judith Howarth, soprano, Ivan Kusnjar,
baritone, Reiko Watanabe, violin, BBC Symphony
Chorus

Chorus
4.00 Ensemble (r)
4.45 Music Machine, with Verity Sharp

5.00 in Tune, with Sean Ratierty
7.30 Performance on 3. Parnela Colum, soprano, Jackwiga Rappa, mazzo, Hans Pater Biochwitz, tenor, Halsan Hagegard, base, Manchester Boys' Choir, Flatie Cnor and Orchestre under Kent Nagano, Mahler, ed Reinhold Kubik (Dea klagence Lied, first version)
9.00 Postscript: Poets' Fan Meil (4/5)
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Lassing about London in the 1950s
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10.30 Women's Hour Indudes the short story Steeling;
by the Times iterary editor Erica Wagner
11.30 From Our Own Correspondent Globel news
12.00 News; You and Yours with Mark Whitaker
12.25pm Out of Order 12.55 Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarks
1.40 The Archers (1) 1.55 Shipping Forecast
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10.45 Book at Bedtime: Story of Mr Sommer (2/3)
11.00 Fear on Four Tissue Memory by Judy Upton
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11.45 (J.W) Today in Parliament
12.00 News 12.30cm The Late Book: The Drowned
World by J.G Ballerd(7/10)
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#### tion is no respecter of fitness or the start and pulled out. In the anchor and began to worry that Riches was suffering from experience at sea. Nelson was early hours of yesterday mornsaid to be sick every time he ing, Sea Challenger became something more serious. the latest of the fleet to send up

no means the only crew in trouble. The sole team from the United States is also the only all-female crew in the race and they, too, have fallen victim to sickness. Only hours

SAILING: EF LANGUAGE'S SKIPPER TELLS OF HIGH SEAS IN SOUTH ATLANTIC AT HEAD OF WHITBREAD FLEET

EF Language rounded the island of Trindade ahead of

her nearest rivals, Merit Cup

his significant advantage as

his boat surfed, fully powered-

up. towards Cape Town. Again, he and Rudiger — no

doubt with the experienced

guidance of Magnus Olsson,

the watch captain - picked

the right strategy to benefit from the following winds of

Lying farther south than their challengers, EF Lan-

guage's averaged speeds of

Cup from 35 to 70 miles. Cayard sent this breathless

17.4 knots and covered 393 miles in 24 hours. This doubled her advantage over Merit

report of his progress: "I can't

explain the sensations I just

experienced out here in the

the past two days.

Yesterday, Cayard stretched

and Innovation Kvaerner.

Haining and Riches are by

a distress beacon. A rescue

craft was sent to give them help and took off David Mossman, a 22-year-old London student, who was suffering from exhaustion. His partner is battling on

sick. "An hour after the start, I

couldn't keep anything down,"

tech business and if nature

doesn't get you with a touch of

seasickness or food poisoning,

there is always a threat of

equipment failure. In the case

of Jan Charter and Nigel

Garbett, the fail-

ure of their Glob-

al Positioning

System was

enough to make

them turn round

rather than con-

They back to

tinue.

Ocean navigation is a high-

she said. "Not even water."

New boy Cayard doubles lead on merit RACE LATEST POSITIONS First leg 12.00GMT yesterday

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south Atlantic in the middle of the night. Unlike any other experience - a cross between really scary and really fun and it sometimes seems not too

smart. I have been at the wheel for four hours in 35 - guys and halyards hanging knots of wind with 25 knots of out over the water and f can't

genoa, staysail and one reef in boatspeed. We have the No 4 even see where we are going."

SQUASH

## Cardwell's career ends with defeat

FIONA GEAVES completed a successful day for England in the women's world championship in Sydney by ending the international career of the former world champion, Vicki

Geaves won 9-0, 9-4, 9-4, but Cardwell, an Australian squash legend, was not downhearted. "At 42 I've had a good innings," she said. "I always

said when I felt I was no longer competitive then I would stop. Cardwell has won four British Opens and a world championship. The eighth seed, Suzanne

Horner, of England, was untroubled in her win over Emma Major, of Australia, 9-1, 9-3, 9-7. Sue Wright, the world No 4, beat Toni Weeks. also of Australia, 10-9, 9-3, 9-7.

Cassandra Jackman, Jane Martin and Linda Charman on Tuesday. The world champion, Sarah Fitz-Gerald, heat a qualifier,

Natalia Meneu, of Spain, 9-1, 9-0, 9-0 in 30 minutes in her opening match to set up a second-round encounter with her fellow Australian, Robyn

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ATLANTIC

# An audience in the grip of homicidal mania

random intervals during the Lourse of an evening, the chances are that you will see (a) a should have a high chance of murder; (b) someone planning a avoiding seeing a murder when we murder; (c) someone solving a murder; (d) someone trying to stop someone else from solving a murder: or (e) someone being prosecuted for a murder. ITV's two-hour thriller Into The Blue (ITV) crammed in all five,

But the big murder mystery, as far as viewers are concerned, is how do schedulers manage to find room for so many murder-related programmes? Newton's first law of physics states that you can neither create nor destroy airtime (and before you all write in, I know that that wasn't really Newton's first law of physics: it was, in fact, his fourth). To put it in layman's terms, this means that since there is a maximum of 24 hours of television that can be broadcast on any channel on any day - and

f you turn on your television at since 17 of those are taken up with shows featuring either Carol Vorderman or Carol Smillie - we switch on. But we haven't.

An even bigger mystery for viewers is how murder came to be regarded by television executives as the sort of thing we ache to watch whenever possible. If television is supposed to reflect or excite our interests, experiences and imaginations, then murder would rank very low in the things most of us find mysterious. If you compiled a table of things viewers found mysterious, it would show: Murder: maybe I per cent. Missing socks: 12 per cent. Carol Smillie: 24 per cent.

Why exactly Ffion ffancies Wwilliam Hhague: 63 per cent. The reason for this is that murder just doesn't feature very much in most of our lives. This is why it can be surprising to see how

else's - at least if they live inside a television set. We were barely past the credits of Into The Blue and already we had facked up two dead bodies and a near miss. Even John Thaw seemed surprised and he's used to stiffs turning up like Tube trains in the rush hour (not on the Circle Line, of course).

This was one of those thrillers that lays out all the corpses and red herrings for inspection right at the start of the show. It is the murder-mystery equivalent of the television cook, who sets out his ingredients before combining them into something we can marvel at while we slurp our pot noodles (this is the other big television mystery: that cookery shows are flourishing at a time when we have become so lazily dependent on shave-it-in-the-microwave food, that shoppers would even pay extra for ready-washed



Joe Joseph

tomatoes. Yes, Mr Novelli, we will set aside our chicken bones to make stock — just as soon as Waitrose starts inserting bones into its frozen chicken nuggets.) One girl's corpse turned up in Cambridge, another in Dorset, with possibly a third on the Greek island of Rhodes. Once you had reassured yourself that Thaw wasn't going to lead us into the Greek equivalent of his Year In

caricatures selling him doner kebabs as they strummed their bazoukis - and you just let yourself go, it was all engaging enough. It was pitched at the level of a beach holiday page-turner - only without the bother of rubbing Ambre Solaire on your tummy. Thaw-played Harry Barnett, who used to own a garage until he went bankrupt and moved to Rhodes - where he worked as caretaker at a villa owned by his friend, a multimillionaire former cabinet minister. Because Barnett was arrested for the murder of the girl who had just vanished in Rhodes, he had a strong incentive to smuggle himself back to London and unravel the woman's mysterious disappearance and its link to those corpses. Thaw threw himself into the detective work so diligent-

ly that he seemed to metamor-

phose over the two hours from a

Cockney former garage owner into

- like those stress-relieving rubber balls that always return to their original shape, howeverfiercely you mangle them.

something that millions of Europeans expected to feature large in their lives either until Hitler came along. Even after he made his mark. Germans assumed that mass death would be something that would be inconveniencing others rather than themselves. In the final episode of The Nazis (BBC2), Laurance Rees wondered why the Germans had carried on fighting long after the Italians - realising which way the war was going -had dirched Mussolini in 1943. The Germans carried on partly because they were convinced they. were superior beings, which made it difficult to believe that the war

Inspector Morse, as if Morse was now his natural state of existence because the Germans never found. a way of getting rid of their Führer. In the last 15 months of the war at least 350,000 Germans died in Allied bombing raids. But right up to the last minute, Goebbels was f course, murder wasn't - urging the six million-strong German home guard "never to surrender at the sight of the enemy" because they were the last bastion against the Bolshevik horde.

But they didn't always listen. Rees tracked down survivors in the the east German town of Demmin who recalled that when Soviet troops arrived on April 30, 1945 - the last day of Hitler's life, as it turned out - 900 Germans decided to commit suicide:

The underlying message of Rees's quietly brilliant series has been that as surreal as the Nazi murder machine might seem, all this did happen. And if it happened once, it could happen again.
At any minute.

### BBC1

6.00am Business Breakfast (71697) 7.00 BBC Breakfast News (T) (82616887) 9.05 Can't Cook, Won't Cook (3811871) 9.30 Style Challenge (2776121) 9.55 Kilroy (T) (9134068)

10.35 Change That (8150968) 11.00 News (T) and weather (7605264) 11.05 The Really Useful Show (7) (7638790) 11.35 Room for Improvement Denise

Waterman takes a tour around an unusual home (r) (3646061) 12.00 News (T) regional news and weather (8915413) 12.05pm Call My Bluff (7751790)

12.35 Going for a Song (5433351) 1.00 News (T) and weather (68806) 1.30 Regional News (T) (73419239) 1.40 The Weather Show (16589662) 1.45 Neighboura (T) (71291351) 2.10 Quincy (8157697)

3.00 Through the Keyhole (r) (1413) 3.30 Funnybones (†) (9426158) 3.35 Playdays (†) (8943448) 3.55 The Silver Brumby (8947264) 4.20 Mr Wymi (†) (8341535) 4.36 Smart (†) (8676142) 5.00 Newsround (†) (2940581) 5.10 Bykar Grova (†) (9429606)

5.35 Neighbours (r) (T) (863581) 6.00 Six O'Clock News (?) and weather (535) 6.30 Regional News (T) (887) 7.00 Watchdog with Anne Robi Consumer magazine (T) (9622)

7.30 EastEnders The Square loses a family and Mary becomes distillusioned with London (Ť) (871) 8.00 Animal Hospital Steve Knight accompanies the RSPCA inspectors as they call for assistance from the fire brigede to rescue a squirrel stranded up a church spire (T) (2142)

8.30 Dad; Habadadery Vincent makes Alan realise he's not up with the latest fashion trends; can a trip to a gentlemen's outfitter solve the problem? (T) (4177) 9.00 News (T) regional news and weather

9.30 The Locksmith: Words and Deeds Roland captures the young thief he believes is responsible for the horrific attack on Carta. Drema, starring Warren Clarke, John Simm and Sarah-Jane Potts (T) (745871)

10.20 Clive Anderson Ali Talik The guests are lan Hislop, the Two Fat Ladies and David Seaman (435142)

11.00 Question Time George Robertson, the Secretary of State for Defence, and Sir Norman Fowler, the Shadow Environment Secretary, Anne Lesley of the Daily Mail, and Bridget Roswell, an aconomics and business consultant (1)

12.00 Tunnel Vision (1994) Timiler, with Patsy Kensit, Robert Reynolds and Gary Day. A female cop's investigation into a series of grisly killings is made doubly difficult by her newlywed partner's personal little too close to home. Directed by Clive

1.30am Weather (1740920)

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#### BBC2

6.00am Science: The Chemistry of the Invisible (98806) 6.30 Healing the Whole

signing) (9525448) 7.15 Teletubbles (r) (6765968) 7.40 Smurls' Adventures (r) (4205535) 8.05 Blue Peter (r) (T) (7967535) 8.30 Mouse and Mole (r) (2505887) 8.35 Johnson and Friends (r) (7267055) 8.45 Harry and the Hendersons (r) (T) (9454055)

9.10 Numbertime (3431790) 9.25 Numbertime (3431790) 9.25 Megamaths (1) (7903239) 9.45 Come Outside (8534516) 10.00 Teletubbles (29429) 10.30 Storytme (6687429) 10.45 Experimenter (7454351) 11.05 Space Ark (7693429) 11.15 Zig Zag (5215535) 11.35 English File: Twefith Night (3653351) 11.55 Lifeschool (3668239) 12.20pm Showcase (T) (8917871) 12.30 Working Lunch (37581) 1.00 Barney (r) (55853326) 1.05 Monty (r) (55852697) 1.10 The Countryside Hour: Northern reland (7481239)

2.10 Indoor Bowle: Bupa Open Last of the second-round matches (94453429) 6.00 Star Treic Deep Space Nine (1) (704516)

6.45 Hit, Miss or Maybe (r) (383061) 7.00 The Whitbread: the World's Greatest Ocean Race The first leg (7264) 7.30 First Sight New senes. The dangers of testifying against violent abusers (413) WALES: Ray Means's World of Survival

8.00 Ray Mears's World of Survival Ray meets the rainforest-dwelling Nuautu people on the Island of Seram in Indonesia (f) (T) (9564) WALES: Franco and Friends

8.30 Top Geer The 1997 London Motor Show

9.00 Third Rock from the Sun Tommy lives to regret asking Dick to direct the school play (1) (794582)



Virus victim ien Waterman (9.25cm)

9.25 Hortzon: The Man Who Lost Hie Body lan Waterman, whose nervous system was virtually destroyed by a virus (T) (589087)

10.15 June 10x10 Diary of a Madmer version of Gogol's comic story (T) 10.30 Newsnight (T) (214351) 11.15 Late Review (443581)

11.55 Weather (885806) 12.05am Phil Silvers Show (b/w) (r) (4295494) 12.30 Learning Zone: The Making of Kate Adle (5391630) 12.35 Environment (1) (6163384) 1.00 The North Sea (37272 1.30 Noise Annoys (74291) 2.00 Customer Care (90307) 4.00 Teaching Film and Media (59475) 4.30 Moviephile (58765) 5.00 Teacher Training (21007) 5.30 Teaching and Learning with IT

6.00am GMTV (4939790) 9.25 Supermarket Sweep (T) (3617055) 9.55 Regional News (T) (8638910) 10:00 The Time, the Place (43055) 10.30 This Morning (1) (77499697) 12.20pm Regional News (8911697) 12.30 News (T) and weather (5436448)

12.55 Shortfand Street (5348239) 1.25 Home and Away (T) (76708326) 1.50 Remote Control Cooking (T) (71101784) 2.20 Vanessa: I Keep Falling for Married Men

2.50 The Natural Health Show Last in series (9264806) 3.20 News (T) and weather (4825887) 3.25 Regional News (4824158)

3.30 Potemus Park (8948719) 3.40 Wizadora (9424790) 3.50 Kipper (9420974) 4.00 The Adventures of Dawdle (8250239) 4.15 Jumanii (6195516) 4.40 Animal Ark (1) (7543608)

5.10 A Country Practice (3810719) 5.40 News (T) end weather (119887) 6.00 Home and Away (r) (T) (880784) 6.25 Regional Weather (862993) 6.30 Regional News (1) (555)



Steve and Kim celebrate (7.00pm)

7.00 Emmerdate Pollard gets into a pickle with Longman, Alex displays his wilder side; Kim and Steve's engagement party is a great success but tast cars and dangarous living spell tragedy for Linda

8.00 The Bill: A Bad Lot The police are helpless when a 12-year-old boy runs amok on a local estate (T) (7210) 8.30 Clive James on TV The inimitable Antipodean takes a wry look at televisio presenters (9245)

9.00 The Uninvited Gates denounces Stake as a terrorist on live television, forcing him to run. Last in series (1) (2239) 10.00 News at Ten (1) and weather (37662) 10.30 Regional News and weather (474429) 10.40 WALES: The Ferret (495784) 10.40 Western Lights (3/3) (T) (495784) 11.15 WALES: Cettic Fists (1) (543784)

11.15 Limited Edition: The History Plasticine (r) (543784) 11.45 Swift Justice: Out on a Limb (609500) 11.50 WALES Swift Justice: Stones (438264) 12.35am The LADS (T) (3205901) 1.10 Funny Business (5303475) 1.40 Ed's Night Party (3075663) 2.05 Planet Rock Proffles: REM (1367104) 2.35 Late and Loud (r) (6678562) 3.30 The Good Sex Guide Late (r) (6985123) 4.25 Sound Bites (97171765) 4.35 The Time, the Place (r) (56070659) 5.00 Garden Calendar (T) (90253) 5.30 News (28389)

### CENTRAL

As HTV West except 12.55-1.25 A Country Practice (5348239) 5.10-5.40 Shortland Street (3810719) 6.25 Central News (961603) 10.40 Lords of the Ring (683852) 11.40 Hunter (142158) 12.45am Funny Busine 1.15 Planet Mirth (20369)

1.45 Rockmenia (2042746) 2,40 God's Gift (5447272) 3.35 Late and Loud (6984494) 4.30 Central Jobfinder '97 (5926748) 5.20 Asian Eye (7951814)

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As HTV West except: 12.55 Home and Away (3818697) 1.20-1.50 Emmerdale (46497852) 5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3810719) 6.00-7.00 Westcountry Live (49326) 10.45 On the Edge (546871) 11.15 Alfred Hitchcock Presents (543784) 11.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H (609500)

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5.10-5.40 Home and Away (3810719) 6.00 Meridien Tonight (603) 6.30-7.00 Big Day Out (555) 10.45 Unsolved (546871) 11.15 A406 (543784) 11.45 Highlander (609500) 5.00am Freescreen (90253)

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12.10em Hitchcock Presents (3376098)

As HTV West except: Starts: 7.00 The Big Breakfast (58429) 9.00 Yagolion (548142) 11.30 The Scrimpers (8072) 12.00pm Sesame Street (87185) 12.30 Ricki Lake (35177) 1.00 Slot Meithrin (32276852) 1.15 Wil Cwec Cwec (32377535) 1.30 it's a Cat's World (34448) 2.00 Channel 4 Racing (2852) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (968) 4.30 The Lonely Planet (852)

5.00 5 Pump (6968) 5.30 Countdown (332). 6.00 Newyddion (320516) 6.10 Heno (719448) 7.00 Pobol y Cwm (191531) 7.25 Prvd o Dafod (356448) 8.00 Y Jocans (5852) 8.30 Newyddion (7887) 9.00 Meca (3239)

9.30 Short Stories: The Bridge (42413) 10.00 A Dance to the Music of Time 12.05am Bombay Blue (2275123) 1.05 Post Mortem (5302745)

#### CHANNEL 4 5 55am Sesame Street (60535)

7.00 The Big Breaklast (58429) 9.00 Schools: History in Action (7902500) 9.20 Geographical Eye (7095264) 9.40 The Maths Programme (6004535) 10.00
Middle English (2274697) 10:15 Le Petit
Monde de Pierre (2300448) 10.30
Scientific Eye (7360958) 10.50 Firm and

Video Showcase (7446332) 11-10 The Spanish Programme (55642177) 11.30 Scrimpers People who are champions at saving money (1/6) (1) (8072) 12.00 Sesame Street (87195)

12.30pm Light Lunch (8008887) 1.25 The Living Sea: Children of the Arctic (r) (T) (3264061)

2.00 Racing from Newmarket The 2.05, 2.35, 3.10 and 3.40 races (2852) 4.00 Fifteen-to-One (T) (968) 4.30 Countdown (T) (8660581)

4.55 Ricki Lake: How Dare You Graffit My Phone Number in Public Places (1) (8589210)

5.30 Pet Rescue A turtle (T) (332) 6.00 Boy Meets World (1) (888326) 6.25 Fresh Pop (860535) 6.30 Hollycaks (T) (697) 7.00 Channel 4 News (1) (642142)

7.50 Beyond the Booker lain Sincial argues at the Booker Prize is awarded to middlebrow authors (677852) 8.00 Feast (8/8) Amsterdam; English wine



Nell Gibson in Peru (8.30cm)

Nell Gibson visits Peru for piranhas and inca ruins (3/6) (7887) ... A Dance to the Music of Time Hugh Whitemore's adaptation of Anthony Powell's acclaimed novels. The optimism of Nicholes and his generation is tading test, With James Pureloy and Claire: Skinner (2/4) (T) (20055852)

11.05 The Ba Ba Zee Channel 4's first black seeson (337626) : 11.06 The Farm, Angola, USA Competing film about America's most infamous

meximum security prison (740351) 12.05am Wake Up Americal The Bushwick neighbourhood of Brooklyn (5218017) 12.40 Jesse's Gone Rep artist Jesse Rahm Hall, killed by an assassin in 1992

(9876369) 1.40 Shopping for Mr Right A women from Manchester seeks a black husband in America (3432185)

2.08 Different Voices (8887814) 2.10 Bongo Best (2755456) 3.10 Magic or Medicine (1) (7073982) 4.15 The Vision Thing (r) (1) (93401814)

4.40 The American Football Big Match (r)

1.30 Tax: (8508) 2.00 Roseanne (1359109) 2.25 Robin (7608253) 2.30 Festivel of Fun (99830) 3.00 Frasier (55123) 3.30 Mr Dont and Mr George (80882)

8.00pm Sightings (6275987) 9.00 Max. Headroom (58474210) 10.15 Melding of Spawn (4420230) 10.45 Mesters of Feriassy (2621780) 11.08 Friday the 13th (5348041) 12.00 Sightings (9785385) 1.00mm Fwilight Zone (T208785) 1.30 Tales of the Unexpected (716185) 2.00 Dark Shedows (8540017) 2.30 New Hitchcock (8829524) 3.00 Factor the 13th (1772653) 4.00 Close

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THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

CHANNEL 5 ON SATELLITE . Channel 5 is now broadcasting on transponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. ransponder No 63 on the Astra Satellite. Viewers with a Videocrypt decoder will be able to receive the channel free of charge. Frequencies for transponder No 63 are picture: 10.92075 GHz, sound: 7.02 and 7.20 MHz

6.00am 5 News Early (2781055)

7.30 Milkeheke (7704852) 7.39 USA High (r) (1265054) 8.00 Hevskezoo (r) (8256351) 8.30 WideWorld The last in the series tracing the development of cities (8257622) 9.00 Espresso (5420603) 10.00 Exclusive (r) (6003326) 10.30 Instant Gardens (r)

11.00 Lesza (8860041) 11.50 Double Espre (44152974) 12.00 The Bold and the Beautiful (1) (8155210) 12.30pm Family Affairs (1) (1) (3865451)

1.00 5 News Update (99028535) 1.05 Sunset Beach (T) (1285887) 2.00 5's Company

3.30 Major Barbara (1941, b/e) Wandy Hiller, Ray Harrison and Robert Morey star in this screen version of George Bernard Shaw's play, directed by Gabriel Pascal 5.30 Whittle Quiz presented by Tim Vine (8231974)

6.00 100 Per Cent Game show (8238887) 6.30 Femily Affairs Jack finds himself penniless and without a bed for the night (T) (8156239) 7.00 Exclusive Celebrities reveal their most emberrassing moments (6096429)

7.30 Beastly British The wildlife of the Stanford military range in Norfolk (1) 8,00 The 'Car Show Mariella Frostrup and

Tristram Payne report from the London Motor Show at Earls Court (6095177) 8.30 5 News (F) (6901784)



Sean Connery as Dr Campbell (9.00)

9.00 Medicine Man (1992) An ecological drama set in the Amazon raintorest starring Seen Conney as an unorthodox starring Seen Connery as an unorthodox blochemist searching for a medical miracle: Also with Lorraine Bracoo. Directed by John McTiernan (69006784) 10.55 The Jack Docherty Show Chat and comedy (8262264)

11.40 Melrose Place Glossy drama series (r) (T) (7462852) 12.35em Live and Dangerous Includes, at 1.45, football action from the Brazilian Neffonal league: São Paulo y Flemengo arid, at 3.45, highlights from the US Major League: Dallas Burn y Colorado Rapids 4.4

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(94469253) 4.35 The Streets of San Francisco starring Karl Malden (T) (8600920) 5.30 (00 Per Cent (r) (5305340)

### SATELLITE AND CABLE

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SKY 1 8.00mm Morring Glary (752)(3) 9.00 Regist and Kathe Lee (41988) 10.00 Another World (935)(6) 11.00 Days of Our Lives (99992) 12.00 Corch Wintey (76448) 1.00pas Geraldo (89968) 2.00 Selly Jessy Raginsel (71806) 3.00 Jenny Jones (85622) 4.00 Opath Wintey (71429) 5.00 Star Tiely Nest Generation (6177) 9.00 Live 6 Shore (527) 4.00 Opath Wintey (1429) 5.00 Live 6 Shore (527) 4.00 Opath Wintey (1429) 5.00 Live 6 Shore (527) 4.00 Live 6 Shor Need Generation (6177) 6.00 Lvic 6 Show (6887) 6.30 Married, with Chaircen (4239) 7,00 The Sampsons (7808) 7.30 M\*A\*S\*H (9351) 8.00 Sudderly Susan (1546) 8.30 The Nanny (5061) 9.00 Semilel (97413) 9.30 Med About You (77177) 10.00 Chicago Hope (55072) 11.00 Star Treic Need Generation (94245) 12.00 Late Show (54475) 1.00em Long Play (1350253) SKY NEWS

Worldwide news coverage, with buildins on SKY MOVIES

8.00em Francis of Assist (1981) (45292697) 7.45 The Guru (1969) (7493993) 9.40 The Borrowers (1973) (6865987) 11.00 Febrer of the Bride II (1985) (6239009) 12.45pm Hasty Heart (1983) (67837006) 3.15 The Borrowers (1973) (78777806) 5.00 Heart Like a Wheel (1983) (38332) 7.00 Plnk Parther Wheel (1983) 18332 790 February Strikes Again (1976) (90429) 9.00 Father of the Bride II (1995) (12364) 11.00 From Dusk Till Dawn (1996) (232449) 12.50em Fools Parade (1977) (152901) 2.30 Hider III (1988) (277730) 4.15 Francis of Assisi (1961) (812949) THE MOVIE CHANNEL

8.00am Jours of Paris (1942) (63326) 8.00 8.00am Jour of Paris (1942) (63326) 8.00 Inhamanoids (1985) (8950) 10.00 Diverse, American Style (1967) (8937) (12.00 Diverse), American Style (1967) (8937) (12.00 Shall We Dence? U (1937) (76351) 2.00pm The Funtacy Worlds of Invite Allien (1996) (23253 4.00 Sty Palace (1994) (2351) 6.00 Hart to Heart TB Death Do Us Hart (1996) (22887) 7.50 The Hunt For Red October (1989) (2388781) 11.00 Virtuoeity (1989) (26780) 11.50 Undercover (1985) (569784) 1.20am Generation X (1995) (970611) 2.05 Out of Annie's Past (1994) (624975) 4.35 My Little Porty: The Movie (1986) (8509104)

4.00pm Monte Carlo or Bust (1989) (4512806) 6.00 Silver Streek (1976) (1593429) 8.00 The Blue Legoon (1980) (1588)74) 70.00 The Krays (1989) (1986) (7078949) 4.50 Close
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9.00pm Law at Rendedo (725345001 11.00 The Thin Man (7743968) 12.45em Postmar's 1 (1982) (27410901) 2.30 Law at Ra (1989) (57095291) 5.00 Class SKY SPORTS 1

SKY SPORTS 3 12.00pm Wresting (29622531) 1.00 Fish TV (82676451) 2.00 Stoy Sports Gold (69988413) 3.30 Spartsh Football (73066852) 5.00 Beach Volleyball

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7.00em Sports Centre (43535) 7.30 Wros-ting (82210) 8.30 Sports Centre (63671) 9.00 Racing News (50351) 9.30 Aerobics Oz Style (98055) 10.00 Golf, Durhill Cup — Oz Style (98055) 10,00 Golf, Durhill Cup — Live (282239) 4,30pm Inside the PGA Tour (6448) 5,00 Westing (435) 6,00 Sports Centre (4413) 6,30 Football League Review (1993) 7,00 Golf Durhill Cup (50871) 9,00 Formula Three (42429) 10,00 Sports Centre (48516) 10,30 Trans World Sport (31806) 11,30 Powertoot and Jetski World (21371) 12,00 Sports Centre (22730) 12,30pm The Rugby Club (35920) 2,00 Sports Centre (83253) 2,20 Close SKY SPORTS 2

7.00em Aerobes (2505351) 7.30 Spojes Centre (2591158) 8.00 Racing Nows. (97841-2) 8.30 Feb TV (9370587) 9.30 Spanish Football (5725905) 17.00 World of Supra League (1778500) 1.000em Coa-Cola Cup Football (1654448) 3.00 Futbol Hundial (9589090) 3.30 World of Supra League (9160142) 5.30 Football League Renter (7381535) 6.00 Poverboot and India World (7381435) 6.00 Poverboot and Review (7381535) 6,000 Powercost and June 17381489 6,350 Inside the PGA Tour (729800) 7,000 Sports Contro (848,764117,300 Rugby Club (6023622) 9,000 Live US Got West Desney World Classic (729581) 11,300 Tight Lines (6404887) 12,30mm Formula Thros (9268811) 1,300 Sports Centre (6396814) 2,000 Powerboat and Letter (Mond (66274388) 2,300 Powerboat Letter (Mond (66274388) 2,300 Cloran

SKY MOVIES GOLD

(85949881) 8.30 Ten Pin Bowling (85183448) 6.30 World Windsurfing Tour (97151784) 7.00 Tight Lines (73620351) 8.00 Spanish Football (12281005) 9.30 Powerboat and Jetch World (28272090 10.00 Bobby Chaffton's Football Scrap-book (96564603) 11.30 Close

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# Villa launch surprise bid for Gascoigne

BY MATT DICKINSON

PAUL GASCOIGNE'S rehabilitation as a leading light of the English game appears to be gathering pace after an audacious move by Aston Villa to sign the controversial midfield player. The FA Car-ling Premiership club is believed to have made initial contact at chairman level with Rangers and, after receiving no rebuttal, are understood to have followed up that approach with a bid of £4

While both clubs appear willing and able to agree a deal, the chances of it being finalised will be heavily dependent on the whims of a player who has never been accused of being predictable. 0-0 draw against Italy in Rome that clinched England's place in the World Cup finals Gascoigne next summer. talked earnestly about his contentment at Rangers and his close relationship with Walter Smith, the manager.

formance against Italy app-ears to have convinced Brian

Little, the Villa manager, to make his move for the 30-year-old. Villa's stuttering start to the season has left them far short of being credible title

Signing Gascoigne would be a considerable gamble, but Little has never been afraid of taking risks. He bought Stan Collymore from Liverpool for £7 million last summer, despite the striker's notoriously fragile temperament, and prides himself on his ability to

handle difficult characters. In Gascoigne's defence, his previous two displays at international level have gone some way to confirming the claims of Glenn Hoddle, the England coach, that he has abandoned the recklessness that seemed to be driving him to self-destruction. Hoddle talked of a quieter, more composed character around the England camp, and Gascoigne's perfor-mances on the field have certainly reflected a newfound maturity. His injury record is also much improved and Hoddle has no doubt that the former Tottenham

## Robson chases striker

ieve they have found a replacement for Fabrizio Ravanelli (David Maddock writes). The Teesside club has made a firm inquiry for Viorel Moldovan, the Romania international. Viv Anderson, the assistant manager, and Gordon McQueen, the coach. watched the centre forward give an impressive display in the world Cup match against Ireland in Dublin last Saturday.

Grasshopper Zurich, the forward's club, confirmed the approach yesterday and suggested that Middlesbrough were willing to pay £1.5 mil-

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prepared to open negotiations," a club spokesman said. Moldovan has scored nine goals in 15 internationals for his country and led the scoring in group eight with seven goals as Romania dropped just two points to qualify comfortably for the World Cup finals.

The 25-year old striker has on tron Everton, but Middlesbrough, who sold Ravanelli to Marseilles for £5.3 million earlier this season, are favourites. Bryan Robson, the manager, has confirmed that he is searching for a striker.

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Hotspur player will be instru-mental in his campaign in France next summer. Gascoigne signed a three-year contract with Rangers in the summer and has not expressed any desire to leave.

On Monday, all my thoughts will be with Rangers again," he said in the aftermath of England's World Cup qualification. "I have had good times and bad times, but the good

ones are now."

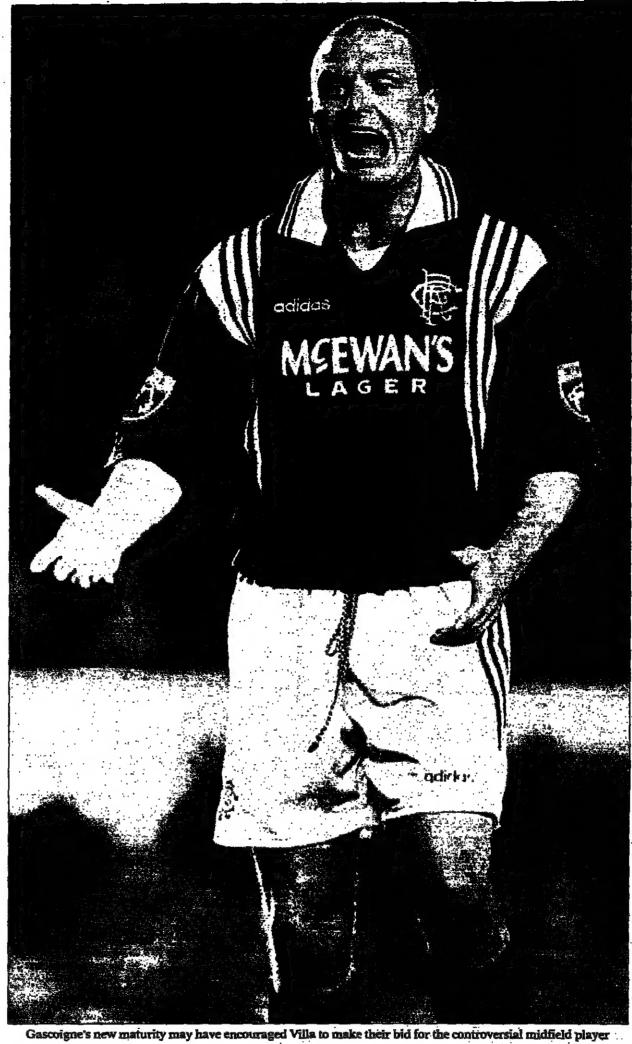
He has also forged a close bond with Smith, who has helped him through domestic traumas, including allega-tions of wife-beating and drinking binges. Gascoigne said: "Walter Smith asked me if I liked appearing in the papers all the time. When I said no, he asked me why I did it then. That made me stop and look at myself."

Rangers, however, appear willing to consider cashing in on him now. Despite winning nine league titles in succession, Smith has been under pressure after another early exit from European competition and he needs to bring in money if he is to fund the changes that are needed to mount a genuine challenge on the continent

Doug Ellis, the Villa chair-man, is believed to have made contact with his Ibrox counterpart, David Murray, concerning the move for Gascoigne. It is not the first time that he has tried to lure the player to Vilia Park - Villa were among a number of English clubs who tried to sign Gascoigne when

he moved from Lazio. There were suggestions that record fee of £2 million to Newcastle United for him in 1988, were about to make a move for him earlier this week. A move to Villa would be the latest in a series of expensive transfers. After a protracted deal in 1992, Gascolgne moved to Lazio for E5.5 million and returned to Britain with Rangers for E4.3 million in July 1995.

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## Scotland accept French test

By KEVIN McCARRA

BY SECURING a place at the 1998 World Cup finals, Scotland seem to have acquired a seat at the top table. They have agreed to play a match on November 12 and the invitation ought to have been edged in silver and written in aristocratic script, since it came from the hosts of the tournament next year. Scotland are to meet France in St Etienne.

Craig Brown's side may be basking in their status, for they have also risen in the rankings of Fifa, the world governing body. An ascent from No 29, at the end of 1996, to No 25 may not be deemed meteoric, but the direction is enough to please Scots. In any case, the arid calculations of the statisticians do not determine value in sport.

France may have been more impressed by Scotland's achievement in qualifying for the World Cup finals at the expense of Sweden, who had finished third in the tournament in 1994. Aimé Jacquet, the coach of France, had provisionally arranged a friendly game on November 12 with Croatia, but their attention is now absorbed by a World Cup play-off, over two legs, against Ukraine

Numerous nations, including Poland, were considered as replacements, but Jacquet favoured Scotland. Nonetheless, some critics will accuse Brown of a piece of social climbing that has seen him leave a few principles behind. At the weekend, Brown claimed that there would be no more internationals for his team until a meeting with Denmark at Ibrox in March.

He argued that clubs, with their heavy schedules, should not have further demands placed on their players. Brown, who has been verting possible accommodation in France for the finals, will be reminded of those remarks when he returns home today and, in Glasgow in paricular, grieved figures.

Celtic and Rangers were already scheduled to face one another on November 8 and 19 in the Bell's Scottish League premier division. Now, half a dozen of their players could be embroiled in the fixture with France that has been interposed between those two games. Brown will be tactful in his use of Old Firm players, but there is still bound to be

## Mosley courts grand prix controversy THE SAGA of Jacques Villeneuve's challenge for the

Formula One world championship took a further twist last night when Max Mosley, the most powerful man in motor sport, apologised to Frank Williams for appearing to threaten Villeneuve's presence in the decisive final race Mosley, the president of the

FIA. motor sport's governing body, was alarmed to discover that some unguarded re-

By MICHAEL CALVIN marks seemed to compromise the committee that is scheduled to hear Villeneuve's appeal against disqualification

from the Javanese Grand Prix

in Paris next Tuesday. His suggestion that an apneal would be unwise, because it carried the inherent risk of the Canadian driver being banned from the European Grand Prix in Jerez on October 26, was, he insisted, taken out of context. He telephoned

Williams yesterday afternoon

to counter the impression that he was interfering in the disciplinary process.

"I was merely explaining that the FIA court of appeal is completely independent and it could institute any punishment it sees fit." he said.

Williams made no immediate comment, but the likely outcome remains the confiscation of the two points Villeneuve won at Suzuka. He will enter the Jerez race one point behind Michael Schumacher.



Villeneuve challenge

## Code of conduct for youth cricket

Il the leading indepen-dent schools in Britain are to receive recom conduct on and off the cricket field. The intention is to suppress sledging and to prevent dissent over umpiring decisions and intrusive noise among fielders, after the row during the summer between Marlborough and Radley that led to a ressation of fixtures between them.

This coincides with wider moves emanating from the meeting of the sports subcommittee of Headmasters and Headmistresses Conference Schools (HMC) at Brighton earlier this month. The paper containing the proposals has been drawn up by David Walsh, its cricket representative and a housemaster at Tonbridge, who is particularly concerned about the increasingly intrusive and intimidatory levels of noise in schoolboy cricket.

Walsh has been chairman

Public schools have moved to stamp out unseemly behaviour, Ivo Tennant says

ers. Christopher Cowdrey and Richard Ellison, and he helped draft a code of conduct for all sports at Brighton. His recommendations will go to 230 headmasters and thence to their cricket masters. They stem only in part from the well publicised row

in the summer," he said. There is a fine line, especially for schoolboys, between encouraging your own side and allowing those comments to become offensive to others. I believe cricket masters should act to restrain noise, stamping firmly on anything intimidatory or unacceptably loud.

"I have included three par-

ticularly important points. Foul or abusive language on or off the field is unacceptable. So is intimidation, aggressive behaviour and deliberate distraction of opponents by words or actions, and dissent at umpiring decisions. "Any instances of these

should be very firmly dealt

corn to us is slow over rates, which can be a source of real

"Perhaps we all need to remember that we should be instilling in the young the highest standards of sportsmanship. Winning is not everything in school sport and it is a good thing for boys and coaches and parents sometimes - to learn how to lose graciously. Above all, school sports should be fun so that boys want to continue playing afterwards," Walsh

ames Wesson, master in charge of cricket at Radiey, said he welcomed the code. "I am completely behind it ... The one good thing to come out of our infamous match with Mariborough is that it has highlighted that standards are still important," he said

Walsh is also the HMC representative on the England (ECB) schools junior and youth sub-group, and has emphasised that there should be a fitting climax to the season for the best schoolboy

cricketers in the country. The upshot is that there will be a two-day match at Lord's between ECB schools, split north and south, next July as a part of the development of

excellence programme.
The MCC schools festival at Oxford will be discontinued and HMC will no longer select its own repres

"For some time there has been concern at the amount of representative cricket, especially in July, for different youth organisations." Walsh

"Many boys were playing too much and both the Eng lish Schools Cricket Associat ion and HMC under-19 teams have been undermined by the withdrawal or non-availability of some of the best players. It is obviously sad that we will not have our own distinctive representative structure at senior level, but wider imper-

atives are important."

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